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October 31, 1953

Mr. M. Drexel Rutherford
Warrenville Road
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rugherford:

I have always sa d that word of mouth is dangerous reference with regards to genealogy. Now I have to apologize for making a statement that is wholy wrong; J. A. Rugherford as far as I can find did not leave a will, and that my data to you on that was in error.

However, I did finddin the Probate Records of Lamar County the following items that may interest you-----

✓ Will of Marilda C. Rutherford-naming her children; the wife of John Calvin Rutherford--will cuts one child off--(and her written will is in the file) Probate Minutes Book 192 number 3052.

Gertie E. Rutherford estate, Probate Box 2725

✓ John C. Rutherford Estate, File 3505

Gertie Lee Rutherford estate, File 4145

✓ Lowell D. Rutherford Estate, File 4017

Now if you are interested in any of these wills I will be glad to prepare a copy for you as soon as I can get to it. Also, I plan a trip to McKinney in November. Do you have any field work to be done there. I'll work it in.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Bray
c/o Paris News
Paris, Texax

McKinney - [illegible]
see letter July 3 - [illegible]

1878 Jan.-Feb.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Reaches His Seventy-Ninth Birthday And Finds Himself Still Able To Write Legibly

January 30, 1878. Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary, Tomorrow will be my birthday. I am up at 4 a. m. I shall be 79 years of age if I live to see it. I shall be apt to record my feelings in regard to death and the Spirit World. I will now say that I do not perceive much change in my creed in the last year. I don't dread the fate after death any at all. I think I shall live after death

Jan. 31. No one up but me at 4 a. m. This is my birthday. Today I suppose I am 79 years of age. I am the oldest man I have heard of in Texas. I am able to write as these marks completely certify. And still further—I suppose I could ride to Honey Grove today if I were to resolve to try to go. However, I feel a little swimming in the head that I don't like. I think that I eat rather too much. I can't hope to live in this world much longer. Well, I think I am as well reconciled to go out of this life as I ever have been. I have a hope of an immortality of happiness. Spiritualism is worth a great deal Indeed it is a glorious idea.

Feb. 1. This is my first day in my eightieth year. I may never see the last day of my eightieth. Frank killed 3 hogs yesterday. I was rather unwell last night but am better today. Feb. 2. I have a little sharp breast pain that I remember. Frank ought to have about 250 holes made in the ground today for his posts for a fence, before the ground gets dry.

Feb. 3. Breakfast late. Evans at the fence, going off somewhere. Mr. Monett and Stillman Spears came to show us a patent fence. They stayed with us all night. Mr. Monett is quite intellectual, especially the Bible and Religion. Feb. 6. Frank and Johnson got home from the river by way of Paris. Frank borrowed $100. Bill Buckle moved here yesterday into the Evans house. Frank thinks he made a fine swap.

Feb. 7. Great rain yesterday. Feb. 8. Muddy, dreadful rainy time. Frank and George began to trim rails to build with wire and staples. Frank seems to be inclined to work a little. It makes the good feelings run over one. Glory, Amen. Feb. 9. Still threatening snow, sleet or rain. Frank began to make fence using staples. He don't like them. I think it best and I think he will like them. Jane and I went to Mose Glasscock's in the wagon with Wade because Clinton was sick with measles. He was better.

Feb. 10. Jane and I at Glasscock's. Mr. Harper spent much of the Sunday at Mose's. He is an agreeable man. Feb. 11. Clinton still better. Jane and I came home in wagon.

The entries between this and February 26 are gone, a leaf having been lost from the book.

(Continued Thursday)

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Son and Grandchildren Sick With Measles. Hears Orthodox Talk and Has Preacher As Dinner Guest

March 5, 1878. Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary, I stayed at Calvin's last night but Jane stayed here. Perhaps Calvin is a little better but not much. All the children are bad off, coughing very much. But the children do not seem to be in much danger. I think Calvin's case is to be dreaded a little yet. Elba went home with her mother last evening and had but one old gray mare for threethe old woman, Elba and the baby. I disapprove of it very much.

March 6. I stayed at Calvin's last night. Dr. Gambill was there. He left this morning. He said he thought that Calvin would get along now, but we might send for him if we thought we needed him. The children are pretty bad off. I paid Dr. Buck Gambill $2.00 for Jane's case last August. His bill was $4.00.

March 7. All in bed but me. The clock strikes 4. Very cloudy. Peach trees in bloom. Measles prevailing very bad...I now write late at night. I have been at Calvin's and he is improving, but the children are bad off, though perhaps not dangerous. Many of the renters are planting corn.

March 8. Baby Laura sick. I must go to Calvin's for pills for baby. I must go to school house today and give out an appointment for Mr. Monett for the third Sunday in this month. March 9. Baby better. The clock strikes 3. If I get sleepy I shall go to bed again. I wish to read Farm and Fireside. March 10. On this day week Mr. Monett will lecture. I think I must have the notice started out from school.

March 11. I was at Mrs. Ribble's yesterday. Also at Calvin's. Little George has a pain over his eyes. I fear he is in danger. He was about well of measles, perhaps it is a relapse. March 12. A very fine day for work. Little rain last night but all hands go to plowing. Clinton brot Little George here this morning. George still a little sick. Clint and Mose gone to Paris. I loaned Clint $50 this morning. I must take his note hereafter. My memory won't do to trust in such cases.

(This day and the next three days the judge wrote that he must go to the school house to give out the appointment for Mr. Monett to lecture, but he did not go until the 17th. In the meantime he wrote and underscored, "Tax Money" and added, Clinton and I settled up in full with each other about our taxes for 1877.)

March 17 he wrote, I went to Prairie Hill. Mr. Nichols was there and gave an orthodox talk. He also read my Creed to the congregation. All went off smooth and pleasant. He took dinner with me. It was a meeting of singular character, part Infidel and part orthodox, and yet all in a good humor and harmonious. March 18. Mrs. Kuykendall here, little baby better.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Records Various Business Deals and Failure to Invite Visitors to Dinner Causes Insomnia

March 19, 1878, the diary said, Mr. Nichols called on me today and asked the use of the paper which contained my Creed. He says he has been requested to answer it. I loaned it to him, especially charging him to take good care and return it. He says he will talk next Saturday night at Forest Hill and insists for me to be there.

(Judge Rutherford had solicited subscriptions for Farm and Fireside, a farm journal, and he listed here 20 names of neighbors who had subscribed.) March 20 he wrote, I am about to start to Honey Grove to mail a letter with subscribers to Farm and Fireside. I intend to send $5 on 20 names at 40 cents each and promise $3 on reception of the first parcel of the papers.

March 21. At J. R. Ryan's, Honey Grove. I paid Walcott about $1 I owed him. I got a fine lot of medicines from G. A. Dailey, also a lot of goods from Nesbitt, $6.30 and paid for them. Bot churn and dash from Sanders $2½. March 22. At home. Very cloudy, looks for rain. My head aches. March 23. The wheat has not spread well enough.

March 23. I think I ought to write a deed from Jane Rutherford to C. P. Rutherford today and also deed from NFR to CPR ... I wrote both the deeds, handed Frank's to him. Jane's is in this book, folded and backed. I shall hand it to her. March 24. I think I'll go to Pr. Hill. Maybe some one is to hold forth there today. I wish somebody had a singing school there every Sunday.

March 25. Two or three boys are going to the river this morning for cedar posts. March 26. No one up but me. Boys gone to river with two wagons for posts. That last line is written very well for an old hand that has

He skipped a line by mistake and on it he wrote, "Behold, the mistake. The first five words of next line should be on this line." and the next line continued been in service 79 years. Now I lay down my pen and go to reading.

March 27. Rain, the wagons with posts got here before night. Johnson says the wagons are to go back today. Mr. O'Connor takes breakfast with us this morning, don't know his business. Mr. Derrick and Tom Calloway were here yesterday to see Frank about cattle. They left before dinner and I failed to ask them to stay for dinner and now think it the meanest act of which I have been guilty in six months. My conscience worried me so that I could scarcely sleep last night. The circumstance has convinced me that to do wrong is a very bad policy for getting happiness.

(Continued Monday.)

Mar & Apl. 1878

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1938

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Was Summoned to Court In Paris But Dreaded the Ride and Feared Smallp ox Then Prevalent

Nearly two months into his eightieth year, Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary, March 28, 1878. Temperature 54. No one up but me. Calvin is to work the road today. As overseer of the road he had the workers engaged. Jack Bean has measles. I went to Brookston, mailed a letter to Farm and Fireside containing $3. I got three copies of the paper out of the post office. There should have been 10 more. I bot 2 tin buckets. Frank and three wagonloads of posts got here from the river.

March 29. I am up at 3 a. m. April will soon be here. The hands worked on the road. I was summoned to be at court next Monday. I must get to go in a wagon. I'll have to stay all week I reckon I'll go to Peterson's I think, perhaps go to Hocker's, maybe to Pinkney Price's. March 30. It is broad daylight. Frank and wife in bed, not very resolute to get up of a morning. I hope Frank will see to getting his note from Clint for the land.

March 31. At 1 a. m. The last day of March. Tomorrow will be All Fool's day. I think I shall go to bed before day. I have a bad feeling in my head. I fear it will be worse. A Mr. Nall is here tonight. He is very lame, was hurt in '63. He says the people are stealing very much lately. I think so . . . Morning. Temperature 44. All lay in bed too late for worthy folks.

April 1. Fool's Day. I am summoned to Paris to court today but I shall not go. I can't ride there without experiencing too much pain. And further, in addition, I fear the smallpox which is now prevailing at Paris. I think Clint should begin his gin. April 2. I am up at 2 reading but went to bed again and slept till daylight. I ought to go to Paris to court as a witness, I have been summoned.

April 3. I have been up since 3. Frank came from Paris last night. Says that court is put off two weeks. Johnson is sick. Business is getting on very slowly, but I need not allow myself to fret. I shall live till I die, sure. Every one has a right to his own judgment but has not the right to injure another. This line should be filled out (And he filled it with that sentence).

April 5. All well. Frank yet in bed and the sun very high, O, shame! I fear the fruit is hurt. I think I will go to Prairie Hill school house and give out that I will lecture on Dancing next Sunday at that place at eleven of the clock . . . I went to the Prairie Hill and gave out my appointment for Sunday next.

April 6. Fine clear morning. Rather too dry for farming. Calvin finished his bridges on road yesterday. I went to Prairie S H. Put up 14 hitching posts with post auger. Frank and Elba gone to her Pa's. Will be at meeting at Prairie Hill.

(Continued Tuesday)

Apl 1878

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1938

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Prepared Himself to Give Lecture On Dancing But Said He Did Not Expect Large Audience

April 7, 1878, Judge Rutherford's diary said, No one up but me. No one here to get up except Jane and little George I expect to go to Prairie Hill tomorrow and lecture on Dancing. I dread it. April 8. Sunday. Fine rain. Everybody glad. April 9. Baby's daddy and mammy in bed after sunrise, Shame. April 10. Very cloudy. The ground in fine shape for planting cotton. Frank and Cal fixed their corners on north line of the survey. I hope to see the Tidwells today and get them to make an appointment for singing next Sunday at 10 a. m. I shall loan them a singing book.

April 11. I shall prepare to read about Dancing next Sunday. I don't expect an audience of much size. Jack Bean is planting cotton. I put up corner posts for all three of the boys on the north line of the original survey. I went to the shop with iron band for Calvin, got it mended. Mr. Nichols came to stay all night. (A dancing party at Jesse Herd's or rather Mattie's. Jane, Frank, Elba and baby went.

April 12. Mr. Nichols here, says don't give out an appointment for him to preach. I have a dreadful sore loose tooth. I reckon I had best pull it out. April 13. Will be rain I think. The men are busy planting cotton. April 14. Very warm. H. Kuykendall is here. Fine time on crops. April 15. Rain last night. I was at Prairie Hill yesterday. Made my lecture on Dancing. But few hearers. I think I shall cut wire for Clinton today. I ought to look for Yellow.

April 16. I am in quite good health for my age. I cut wire for Clinton yesterday. Frank is gone to Paris. I think he took cotton to sell. Perhaps court is in session. I was summoned as a witness but I shall not go until I hear from Paris. I am not able to ride there without suffering.

April 17. I am up at 12 1-2 a. m. I have been taking a nap about three hours. Elba is gone to her Pa's. She went in a wagon with the old man. April 18. Heavy dew. Frank gone to river. I shall go to Drummond's shop for Clinton to get his post auger mended. Clinton is in a press to get his big field fenced before the out stock eats his grass. April 19. I must hunt Sutty today, indeed, I ought to hunt Yellow mare . . . But I didn't see her. I brought up little pet Whiteface.

April 20. Rain. Two of Elba's sisters are here. I was at Brookston yesterday. Got 20 pounds of nails for $1, cheaper than I ever got them before. I got a fine bunch of Farm and Fireside. I must go today and distribute them. April 21. Elba's two sisters here. Charley Askins also here. I suppose he came up on the train. Did he pay? I intend to go to Forest Hill today. Parkhill is to preach here today. He seems to be good.

Apr. 1878

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Attack By Preacher On Skeptics and Spiritualists Disturbed His Sleep and Peace Of Mind

The Rutherford home had a number of visitors Sunday, April 21, 1878. He wrote in his diary, I went to meeting yesterday. Heard Brother Parkhill. He did very well. James Glasscock and wife were here to dinner. Also Billy Kuykendall and wife and two daughters. Also Charles Askins and Johnson. My pen has just now failed. I am surprized at it.

April 23. Great rain. No douot the waters will be high. Clinton went to Red river yesterday. I fear he will see trouble with high water. I fear too much rain now. Charley Askins is still here. It is now 4 o'clock a. m. I reckon I shall lie down and perhaps sleep some. April 24. I shall write to R. P. J. to stop my paper. I think the Spiritual Offering, The Voice of Truth, The Voice of Angels and the Freethought Journal will be more than I can read.

April 25. Dance at Calvin's last night. Jane, little George, Frank, Elba, little Laura and Johnson all at the party till 2 o'clock. I did not go, I dreaded coming back in the dark. I felt no objection to the party. I write this line to try my ink after putting water in it. It is better . . I have now put too much water in the inkstand . . No, I believe not. April 26. Temperature 59. I have written postal to Spiritual Offering, and this. I shall go to bed now. I am too cold to read any at present. I go.

April 27. No one up but me a 3 a. m. I should go to Honey Grove to see Ryan. I expect he is gone, selling his patent churn disk. I fear he will fail. Crops look well, except wheat. I have some hopes for it. April 28 (Sunday). H. Kuykendall here, I don't hear much about the store lately. Maybe out. I am at a loss to decide whether I will go to Prairie Hill or not today. I should hand Mrs. Potts the Voice of Truth. I promised it.

April 29. I have not slept well. The recollection of the events of yesterday have rather marred my peace of mind. I was at Prairie Hill and Mr. Nichols said a great many hard things against Skeptics and Spiritualists. I view that man as one of no goodness much. He tries to float with the popular current. I think he has but little sincerity in his heart. I hope I may not be required to be with him.

April 30. I am up at 4 p. m. (he meant "a" of course) in common health. I must go and take the compass for Clinton to lay off his lane east and west thro his new field. I am very glad that he intends to have a lane thro the field. It will please. I am so sorry my folks don't love to get up of a morning. That is the very time I like to have breakfast.

(Continued Thursday)

May 1878

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Too Much Rain Delays Farm Work But He Tells How Some Should Be Done

May 1, 1878, Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary, Frank and Johnson set out potatoes. I suppose this is a gala day at many places in the world. George's horse ran through the field several times. Mrs. Jones became a mother, a son was born.

May 2 he wrote Frank had gone to attend court at Paris and May 3. Great, Greater, Greatest Rain last night. Much wind, Thunder and Lightning (This was heavily underscored). No more plowing this week. How dreadfully weedy the fields will be. All hands should go into the corn and cotton with hoes, with pantaloons rolled up and a paddle to clean the hoes. Good workers will do so. Frank and Calvin were both at court but came home last night. I don't know where Bill Johnson is. He did poor business yesterday.

May 4. No one up but me. My folks lie in bed too long. I wish I had resolutions to go to Honey Grove. The ground is too wet to plow and will be I think for 4 days. May 5. Yesterday I went and saw Clint at fence making. He says he will have his grass enclosed by the middle of this week. Calvin's mill does well, I think. I guess he will buy a wheat mill and wagon scales for cotton.

May 5. I shall not go to meeting today.

May 7. Johnson is plowing in the orchard. The orchard is in poor condition. It is not plowed as it ought to be. The apple trees and pear trees can't do as well as they ought to do unless the land is plowed more frequently. Ignorance is a serious misfortune and is hard to remove . . . I think I shall go and cut wire for Clinton. May 8. Great rain last night, cotton in danger. I reckon Jane and I will have to get breakfast. Catherine doesn't come.

May 10. I made no entry that day. I went to Mrs. Ribble's and found Mr. and Mrs. Potts there. They would be glad to pay us a visit. I think I ought to send a wagon for them on Sunday. May 12. I find myself in pretty good health. Baby hardly ever cries. Bob Mayo and Dr. Cheatham here. May 13. I reckon I had better go to Honey Grove and get me a hat. Crop behind badly.

May 15. I wrote to J. C. Bundy and put in $1. I say, "Send me Views of Our Heavenly Home, by A. J. Davis at 75 cts., and balance to my credit on books." I wrote also to Jones of Binghamton about 5 ton scales. Frank cutting wheat, very poor quality, don't know why. Fine irish potatoes but not much garden.

May 16. Little Catherine began to cook last Monday, May 13, for one month. A little wheat to cut today if there is not too much rain. May 19. Dreadful muddy time. Some of the cotton is lost in the grass. Frank was at Honey Grove yesterday with H. Kuykendall. They bought goods I expect. I don't know that they are making any money by their store. I hope however they are not losing by it.

(Continued Friday)

May 1878

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Approach Of Summer Turned His Thoughts To Life Here And In The Hereafter

Like all families, Judge Rutherford's sometimes had some differences of opinion and some argument. Thus on May 20, 1878, he wrote, Clinton and Frank quarreled at Frank's house about marking cattle and also about the road laid out through Clint's land. The Devil seems to be getting up a fuss among our folks.

May 21. Frank came from Paris last night, left a paper of coffee in the wagon and it was spilt. Brought wire and staples for fencing. Jane seems to be very crusty. She has gone to Calvin's. May 22. Cloudy, very muddy, some crops lost I think. May 23. Jane stayed at Calvin's and I ate dinner there. Calvin and Wilson putting up fence with staples. Frank and Johnson also putting up fences. Clinton also putting up fences. I saw Jack Reynolds at Clinton's fench. He is opposed to Mrs. Shelton as teacher.

May 24. I slept at Frank's last night. Clinton will go to the river today. Perhaps he will take his mother to Honey Grove next Monday and on to Hugh's (their son-in-law). I shall go also. Jane and I will be apt to go out to Plano to stay a week or so soon.

May 25. A party at Jesse Herd's last night. Calvin is gone to Paris today for staples and coffee. Little George is sick. May 26. Bob Crow was here all night. Great rain last night. H. and Johnson here. Gay time for Sunday. I shall go to see little George but I must hunt up the cows before I go. May 27. Another rain last evening. The crops are injured very much. Many pieces of cotton are not worth cleaning out. Jesse Herd has such a piece.

May 28. The sun is 10 minutes up. The weather is calm and clear but I fear it will rain today. We are seriously injured by the rains. Jesse's cotton is in a lost condition. Summer will soon be here. I hope to live to live to live to see several summers yet in the present life and after the change I expect to be wiser, better and happier than I have been in this life. I feel that this hope lessens the fear of death, and I dread nothing after death.

May 30. I am up at 12 p. m. writing. I hope no more rain soon. The most severe wet spell I have seen for a long time. Crops in a very poor condition. I dread the consequences. Mr. Johnson, the deputy surveyor of this county, is here. He is running out the Ruddle survey. A Mr. Hope is with him. Hope claims some of the land. He says he lives in Galveston, Texas. He says he owns the east half of the west half of the original survey. They will find the lines of the old survey correct. They will operate today. I shall be with them a while. I expect they are yet in bed.

(Judge Rutherford was himself a surveyor, and located the center line of Lamar county when it was created.)

(Continued Sunday.)

1878

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Provided Tuition For An Orphan Girl and Called It a Case Of Self-Interest

The last day of May 1878 Judge Rutherford said in his diary that he looked for rain. He added, I went to Jim Yates' yesterday, I got fifty dollars paid on Mrs. Shelton's note. I told Jim to tell Mrs. Shelton to take Nannie Powers into her school at Pecan Grove and I would pay for the tuition one session. I never saw Nannie Powers but Mrs. Yates tells me that she is a motherless child. I feel that it is a duty and a pleasure to me to help her. So I do the deed because it makes one a happier man. A case of self interest, truly.

June 1. I am up before sunrise, temperature 78. I am at Frank's, Jane at Calvin's. Frank has a big lot of calves up to brand today. It is high time, I think. The first day of Summer and crops in a bad condition. June 2. I think I will go to old Brother Owens' today and maybe not come back until tomorrow. I think the visit would give pleasure. . . . I visited Jim Glasscock and Old Man Owens. Was treated very respectfully indeed by all I saw. Their crops are good.

June 3. I hope Jane and I can go to Collin county in a week or two. June 4. Some rain last night. Jane's sough is gone it seems. I hope she may get much more healthy. I think Frank and H. will send off some beef cattle in 3 or 4 days on the cars to St. Louis. June 7. Great rain last night. I cut rails out of Cal's fence today. June 8. Frank and Aytch started their cattle to Brookston with perhaps 56 or 58 head. I think I shall go and cut rails out of the fence for Calvin.

June 9. Frank and Aytch put 67 head of cattle on the cars yesterday. H. went with the cattle to St. Louis. Frank and Elba went to Jim Glasscock's today to show their baby. I shall not go to meeting at any place today. I stay at Calvin's reading Visions of Our Heavenly Home. The ideas in that book are hard to grasp.

June 10. I hear that Mrs. Ribble arrived at home last Saturday. I think Clinton will work at his lane fence today. June 11. Clinton did not work at his fence yesterday but went to Paris. He is at work fencing today. Frank's oats are ready to cut. He has gone to Drummond's shop.

June 12. Calvin has gone to Paris with a wagon. I think Frank ought to cut oats. He ought also to stack his wheat. I sent $10 by Calvin to get 10 gallons coal oil and the balance in money. June 13. Temperature 84 at 10 a. m. Calvin brought 10 gallons coal oil at 25 cents per gallon but he has not handed me the balance of the $10. The balance is $7.50. I think I shall remind him of the duty today before I forget. He ought to cut oats today but it is rather muddy. I went to see Tidwells yesterday. They talk like they can work for me in 3 or 4 weeks.

(Continued Monday)

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE. July 2 Lot. 1878

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Attended Two Burials, One Suicide For Unknown Cause, And Began Housekeeping In New Home

The entries in Judge Rutherford's diary were brief about this time and were made with a pencil. July 19, 1878, he wrote that T. G. Kennedy was visiting him, and added, Old Billy Kuykendall here from the big meeting. Wild! Wild! What a pity for such foolishness. July 20 he wrote, I am up about midnight. T G K left for home yesterday. He had his daughter Alice with him. Perhaps we shall never meet again in this life. 21, 22, 23. I think I start to Amanda's today.

July 23, I had stayed at Frank's. Left there after breakfast for Hugh Stephens' and arrived there about 2 o'clock P. M. The day was cool and cloudy. The entries during this second night are brief and routine.

July 30. I am at Frank's. I went to see Mr. Monton buried who hung himself on Monday, July 29. No one knows the cause.

August 5. I am at Frank's. All are gone hauling telegraph poles. August 8. Hampton and 3 other hands here to thresh. August 12. Charley Askins is here. Calvin is sick. Tip Herd is very sick. I fear he will die . . . John Tipton Herd died August 12, 1878, Monday.

August 14. I went and saw John Tip Herd buried. A big crowd. No religious ceremony. August 16. I am at Frank's and preparing to go to Hugh Stephens' for Jane. August 17. At Hugh's. We all. Jane, Clint, Little George and myself, start home to Lamar county . . . Got home in good time.

August 18. Jane and I moved from Calvin's into the new house. We began to keep house. We will call it Clint's. August 20. Jim Goff and Nat Gregory began work. They are cutting stove wood.

August 21 he resumed writing with ink but it was so pale it can be read with difficulty. He wrote, I don't know what is the matter with my ink. The pen don't let down. This is a new pen but I fear not much good. August 23. I think I shall go to the speaking at Cothrans today. Clint is doing big work getting hay, two wagons. August 24. Clint is sick. He went to Tigertown yesterday. The candidates were speaking there. It was an awful hot day, no doubt many were made sick. I fear to ride out.

August 25. John Piner, the preacher, called on us yesterday. He made himself very pleasant. He says the Honey Grove high school is in fine prospects. That a Mr. Clark is the principal. I don't know whether he is a preacher. Clint is making fine progress getting hay. August 26. Clint is getting hay in big style. I brought Lincoln, mule, to Clint's this morning for him to use. I don't know how long. The weather is yet extremely hot. Clint's sulky hay rake is of great benefit. It cost $30, payable in 90 days.

(Continued Thursday)

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE. July 2 Lot.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Clint Buys Lightning Rods And Judge Gives His Conclusions On Ostentation At Funerals

The lightning rod agent was abroad in the land in 1878 and other years thereabouts. August 28, 1878, Judge Rutherford noted in his diary: Mr. Lyford here. He put up lightning rods for Clinton (probably on the new house of which the judge had told) at about $17 on credit. It seems that Clinton has to go it on time. I suppose he is out of cash. July 29. Drizzling rain. Perhaps a fine chance of hay will be lost by the rain.

July 30. I am thinking of going to Honey Grove to see Old Joe Ryan about money. I need shoes or boots and other clothes. Jack Reynolds sent here to borrow money, but the messenger went out and did not return. I wrote out the note but he did not come back. July 31. Election today (Democratic primary for Lamar county). I wish to go. Summer is almost gone. I may never see another.

Sept. 1. I was at the burial yesterday of a son of ——. The finest coffin I ever saw. It was the cause of much surprise and I think some contempt. I suppose he borrowed $40 to defray burial expenses. I condemn his ambition for show and parade. I consider it vain and ill-timed policy. I am up before day. Jane is yet in bed.

Sept. 3. I am in health. I have just written to F. M. Lupton of New York for a paper, The Cricket on the Hearth, some spoons for getting hay. I must take clothes to the washer, Kate. Sept. 5. Fine clear day for hay making. I still neglect to go to Honey Grove. I feel like I ought to begin a long letter to Tommy Wood. I think I would write it with a pencil (He was making these entries with a pencil).

Sept. 6. Jane is a little sick with swimming in the head. I am well as usual, Clint is cooking breakfast. I think I'll go to Honey Grove tomorrow with Calvin. Sept. 7. I want to send a letter to Honey Grove by Calvin. I ought to go also. What is the matter with this pen? (The writing was so pale it could be read with difficulty).

September 8 he resumed writing with a pencil and says, Boys gathering beef cattle. Zack is sick. Dr. Bullitt and lady there all night. September 9. Clint, Mose and Frank Hembree start their beef cattle to Brookston at $16 a head they say. Sept. 10 Great rain yesterday. Sept. 11. My head aches. Little George has sore eyes. Calvin's gin run today I guess. The scales work well.

Sept. 17. All well. Was at Mrs. Frank Rutherford's yesterday. Saw Bill Cox, the old tax collector. Was at Mr. John Price's. Calvin has finished the 12th bale of cotton. He says he is getting off in the gin better than he did last year. He is in good spirits. Clint was cutting hay yesterday for Mose or Frank Hembree.

(Continued Friday)

1878 Sept.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Finally Goe to Honey Grove On Business and Found Man He Wanted to See Was In Arkansas

September 18, 1878, the Rutherford diary said: I am of the opinion I shall go to Honey Grove today . . . I didn't go (He had been noting nearly every day for a week that he should go). Clint went to river after rails. Daniel Byrne brot a barrel of molasses for Clint. He got 49 pounds of bacon. Left the molasses. He and I agreed to have a meeting at Prairie Hill next Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M. to try for an organization of a Liberal League. I must take my Truth Seeker collection.

Sept. 19. I am up at one A. M. I think I shall go to bed soon. Sept. 20. It will be apt to rain today. I want to go to Honey Grove. Sept. 21. Jane and I up at 4 A. M. Clint is sick. Days and nights are now equal. Ginger (his horse) sick yesterday. Sept. 23. I went to Prairie Hill yesterday. No one there. Clock strikes 5, Jane is rising. I ought to go to Honey Grove. Sept. 24. I went to Honey Grove yesterday. J. R. Ryan gone to Arkansas to sell churns. I took dinner with Gus Erwin. Made acquaintance of Hornbeaks. I like them (The Hornbeak brothers had come to Honey Grove to publish a newspaper).

Sept. 25. Jane and I in poor health. Jane is hardly able to milk or cook breakfast. Sept. 26. Jim Goff is sick. He and Clint came from the river yesterday with rails. This red ink does better than I expected it to do. I am glad. I wish I had a good supply of the aniline powders. I would use the red ink all the time. I'll get the powders as soon as a good opportunity offers and I think of it. (He was making his ink with water and aniline dyes).

Sept. 27. Clint took two bales of cotton to Brookston yesterday, sold at 9.12½ per cwt. He bought he Weir sulky turning plow for $60. Little George has an ugly cough this morning, I reckon it is whooping cough. I wish Clint would learn to rise at 4.

Sept. 29. We are all very late. Sun up a long time. I feel like I should not go to hear preaching today. I had much rather read than hear Orthodoxy. I had rather die an Infidel than an old fogy. Thousands of better and wiser men have lived and died than Jesus. He was a good but a wild enthusiastic man. Very courageous morally. If the men of the present day had his moral courage the better day would be here.

Sept. 30. James Goff is sick. O'Connor just came in. He wishes to make a trade to dig a pool for Clint. October 1. Jim pretty sick. I wrote F. M. Lupton, New York, for 20 chromos and a dozen cold water pens. Oct. 4. Clinton has been very sick all night. I am thinking about going to Honey Grove and staying all night at Brother Provine's and come home tomorrow.

(Continued Sunday.)

1878 (Oct.)

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Considered Buying Bolt Of Shirting So He Could Have Several New Shirts At One Time

October 6, 1878, the diary of Judge Rutherford said that his son, Clinton, with whom he made his home, was still very sick but that all others were pretty well. It was Sunday, drizzling rain, and he concluded he would stay at home that day. Oct. 7. Jane up coughing very much. I ought to go to Honey Grove. Clint ought to get a warming stove. I don't know if he has cash.

October 8. Jim brought sorghum from Vince Dowlen's. I think the stolen bale of cotton started towards Honey Grove. I have no doubt the two men who live in the same house on the Railroad saw the bale of cotton go away from the gin. Oct. 9. I think I shall go out and try to get subscriptions to Cricket on the Hearth for 4 mos. Will I go to Honey Grove today? . . . . I don't.

October 12. Clint and Jim up early. They are going to the river for cedar and will get off earlier than usual. I like this red ink very well. It flows so freely in the pen . . . I hope it lasts well but I don't know. (It is as clear today, 60 years after it was written, as when Judge Rutherford wrote it). It may spoil pens for all I know. I think I ought to get about 8 or 10 new shirts. I never had half so many new shirts at one time. Very likely I may not live long enough to wear out half so many but they would do very well to leave to my survivors. I think I'll get a bolt of shirting before long for that purpose.

Oct. 13. Perhaps I may go up to Prairie Hill today. Mr. Baird's appointment there is 2d Sun. in Nov. Oct. 14. Fine pleasant time indeed, bright moonshine. The cattle are suffering for water. Clint ought to go to Jim Glasscock's for the well auger tomorrow. I fear we shall be out of drinking water very soon. I believe the little cistern is self-supplying to some extent but F. Hembree says it isn't the case. Will I go to Honey Grove today? I reckon my head is too much diseased for me to go.

Oct. 15. James O'Connor and Z. Oates began a pool yesterday. They stayed here all night. Oct. 16. O'Connor's team ran off yesterday with the scraper, did right smart harm. Oct. 17. Clint got home from Paris. Abraham Ribble is to married today to Miss Denton. He gives a dinner at Mrs. Ribble's. We are invited.

Oct. 18. Jane sick. Clint cooks breakfast. O'Connor and Oats here. Poor show for breakfast. We have bacon ham for breakfast. Oct. 19. McVail begins work for Clint. This is a Lupton pen I am writing with. It writes well but I don't find the solid ink yet. I don't understand the thing. O'Connor and Oates working at the pool. Mack begins to dig a well for Clinton.

(Continued Monday.)

Oct 1878

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

He Tries His New Cold Water Pen and Is Mystified By It. Measures Pool O'Connor Dug

Judge Rutherford was a great buyer of gadgets and novelties that he saw advertised, and many of his diary entries tell of writing for this or that catalogue or price list of these things as well as books and magazines. He had gotten some pens that were advertised as "cold water pens," which apparently wrote by dipping the point in water. With one of these he wrote. Oct. 20, 1878: I think I ought to go to Prairie Hill. This is another new cold water pen. It writes pretty well. It is rather a mystery. I don't think I understand it. How long it will write before it gets dry I don't know. I'll try another line. It is doing very well yet for one dipping. I shall still write on. It looks like it was dry but you see it is not. It is holding out quite beyond my expectations. It is not out yet, so I shall write on. It quite surprises me. Not dry yet! It is beyond my hopes a long piece but I think it will soon be out now, but you see that it writes as plain as it did at first, and still it writes. It looks like it was as dry as a bone. I think it gets deeper colored but yet it gives down ink. Well, I'll write on until it does go dry. This is all written from one dip in the clear water and cold water at that. It has tired me out but still it lets down as much as ever. (Here he stopped. He and not the pen had played out).

Oct. 21 Black Dallas was here. He wants to buy a lot for a school house. I am to go to Honey Grove and I offered him the lot for fifty dollars if he would let a school house be built on it. I found a blank deed for the lot for Negro school house and also a subscription paper. They are now in my little black book. (He had been selling the Honey Grove lots to Negroes at $150 each).

Oct. 22. Brother Provine here and 4 work hands. Considerable scuffle to get breakfast but it will blow over. I loaned W. A. Provine $75 at 10 per cent per annum. I took a $150 note on I Randolph as security. Oct. 23. Mc and Jim are working at well nearby. Oct. 24. All hands here, O'Connor, Oates, Mc, Jim, Clint. Jane in bed yet, telling Clint how to get breakfast. O'Connor is to finish today, I hope he may. Measurement of pool made by O'Connor for CPR, October 24, 1878. Depth 4 ft 11 in. width 28 ft 8 in. length 68 ft 5 in. Oct. 25, O'Connor finished at the pool last night.

Oct. 26. Clint a little sick. 25 past 5 and all in bed yet but me. Dull times here at best. Oct. 27. Raining a little, temperature 48. I shall not go out much today, too cold. I shall read and write.

(Continued Tuesday)

Oct. 1878

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

A Fellow Who Owed Him Departed Without Paying And the Judge Expressed His Opinion of the Man

October 28 1878. Judge Rutherford wrote that Charley Askins was at Frank's and had brought a barrel of sorghum for Cal. The next day he wrote. Drizzling. I was at Frank's, Charley Askins there. I offered him a home on my land on the Martin land as long as I live. I hope he will accept. He will be up here again in 4 weeks. I finished the trade with Frank about Edmond and White Nose, took his note for $125 with credit of $25. He paid me $25 cash, being $125 for the two animals. Oct. 30. I look for cole soon. I ought to go to Honey Grove.

Oct. 31 Clint still sick. Mc and 3 children gone to mill to Paris. I ought to see Jesse Herd and get him to haul corn to the crib to pay me. Then he wrote in pencil, I was interrupted on this line by something.

Nov. 1. I wish to go to Honey Grove today and come back tomorrow night. I want to sell Lawrence a lot. Nov. 2. At J. R. Ryan's, we adjusted our matters pretty well. He paid me $25 cash. I sold one-half lot to Lawrence Tomason. He paid me $25 and gave his note for $25. I left the deed with J. R. Ryan for him. Nov. 4. I am up at 1:30 a. m. I shall try to write deeds for Joe Chapman and for school house .. I wrote the two deeds before I lay down.

Nov. 5. I am up at 4 a. m. I expect I ought to write for Mrs. Besant's book. (Mrs. Besant was a prominent spiritualist.) Nov. 6. I am up at 4:20 a. m. Clint was at Paris yesterday. I think I'll go to H G today. Old man More moved to Bill's and Eoherd's on his way to the west. Perhaps they will move on today. I expect Bill More will stay. Jane is yet in bed. She has a bad cough. She has two bottles of McLean's Blood Purifier. I hope they or it will do her much good. I wish to buy her two dresses today.

Nov. 8. — —' rolled off yesterday. He owes me. I have his note for $60. But I can be happier without the $60 than he can with it. He is one lowflung being, no man in principle. The boys, Jim and Mc, are gone for rock to wall mill. I am going to see Jesse to haul me some corn to fix crib. Nov. 9. Jim and Mc gone after firewood. I go to fix crib at Jane house. Ninth load of corn stood in wagon all night. Four more loads to be delivered yet. I guess next week as Jesse said he had to go to Paris today.

Nov. 10 Drizzling rain. All pretty well but Clint. Jim and Mc here. Perhaps Jim will help Jane with breakfast, not much to cook. Nov. 11. Mc and Clint gone to river for cedar logs to build smokehouse and cover cistern. Nov. 12. Jim and I complain of headache. My pen is bad but ink is worse. I can't tell what it is that I write (It was very pale).

Nov. 13. I am up at 5 a. m. Bot clock yesterday, $6, fine alarm, runs well. Mc went home this morning. My boys hunting stock cattle today. I took the new clock to Laura and made a present of it to Laura for her always. (Laura was his baby granddaughter, Frank and Elba's first child.)

Nov. 15. Drizzling, little rain yesterday. All well but Jim. Bot 88 pounds of beef from O'Connor at 3 cents per lb. This page like my life is almost gone (He wrote this on the last line of the page). Nov. 16. I think I shall go to Honey Grove today. I must take some money to buy thread, also black cambric

(Continued Wednesday)

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Knew He Ought To Go To Honey Grove But Delayed And Said He Had Lost His Vim

November 17, 1878, the diary said: I am up in my room, up at 5 a.m. The man who owns the house (his son Clinton) is no brag hand to get up early. It does him but little good to set him a good example. All in good health but Jim Goff. Nov. 18. I am up at 5:30, all hands rise too late. I hope to go to the Grove today, and I may go on to Amanda's. Nov. 19. Mr. Voyles and Mc here. Frank Tracy hauling rails. Clint gone to Paris for sweet potatoes. I still neglect going to the Grove. I must go soon.

Nov. 20. Mr. Voyles, Frank Tracy and B. F. Stack here. Clint and Voyles went to see the Red river farm. Jim Goff and B. F. Tracy left for Hopkins county. I was very willing. Nov. 22. Clint and Gregory gone to river for seed cotton. Clint's man Voyles gone home but I think he will move to the river farm. Nov. 23. I ought to go to Honey Grove today but I have not the resolution. I have lost my vim. I am ashamed of myself. I am so irresolute.

Nov. 24. Clint and Nat brot two loads of cotton from river farm. Clint and Mose had a fine time fighting fire, we were triumphant. Jane is better off than common. She must have more bitters, McLean's, 80 cents per bottle. Nov. 25. Clinton was kicked by a mule. Gregory took Clint's two wagon loads of cotton to the gin. Mr. Jennings is here.

Nov. 26. Cold time, spitting snow. Carmichael here to rent land. Clint in bed from mule kick. I ought to pay Jack 10 cents for cleaning out furrow. Nov. 27. Coldest yet, 28. Great fire on prairie. A great crowd to fight it. No harm but loss of old grass. Nov. 28. Clint getting well from mule kick. Maynard here, wants to make rails at the river. Jack Carter went to the river yesterday with Gregory. This is his second day's work.

Nov. 29. Clint is better. He and Frank Hembree have gone to get cows out of the bog. I went with Clint in the evening, found one. Nov. 30. I hope to go to the Grove today and get me a pair of boots or shoes and see the printer. Tomorrow will be December, then winter is here. I feel like shuddering to think of winter. O, how I dread it.

Dec. 1. Great wind from northwest. Clint mends slowly. I shall stay at home today I guess. Dec. 3. Fine weather, temperature 45. This is an effort with the clear water pen in bad ink. Poor, I shall not go to Honey Grove today. O what poor ink! Dec. 4. Mose and Jim and Frank Hembree gone to Paris for brick for Jim's chimney. I have been down to Frank Hembree's, corn and hay &c I think in danger. Clint will not bid for my Paris land, I don't know why.

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BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Dry Weather Caused Water Shortage and Cold Kept the Judge In the House Frequently

The dry fall of 1878 worried Judge Rutherford. December 5 he wrote in his diary, Mose (Glascock) has to go and haul water for his house, dreadful dry time. Voyles went home today, he talks of moving to the river. I dread the chance. Clint is quite sick. Dec. 6. I am up at 3 a. m. Wrote post card to postmaster or T. J. Wood at Scotsboro, Ala. Dec. 7. I am up at 4. Clint is still bad off with his mule kick, but he mends a little. I reckon I shall stay at home today. The mules ought to be used today to get water. I can write something on this line that finishes this page (and that is just what he wrote). On the next page, later in the day apparently, he wrote. I was about home all day but a little while I went to Frank's. Little Laura and her mother well.

Dec. 8. 6 o'clock: rain, I fear, not half enough. Clinton is still grunting, he seems to be worn nearly out. Dec. 10. I think I shall go to the Grove and stay away from home at least two nights. I think I shall stay at Provine's. Dec. 11. Mr. Dockery here to get money last night. He borrowed from Clint about $57.25. I think Clint took his note. I shall go to Grove today. Dec. 12. Clint in bed yet. I think he is in low spirits. I failed to go to Grove. Shall I go today? I can't tell.

Dec. 13. Drizzling. Clint in bed. He has lost his manhood, his energies are gone, moral courage gone. Dec. 14. Temperature 29. Rain yesterday. Clint started to the river but the rain caused him to turn to timber and to get a load of firewood and come back home in the rain. My head swims a little, I fear shall have the headache today. I shall not risk going out in the cold much, I think.

Dec. 15. Very cold for the time of year. I did not go to hear Mr. Baird preach on account of cold weather. If the weather be good I wish to go to the Grove Tuesday. Dec. 16. Fine clear weather.. Mrs. ..... moved off yesterday. I expect her son and his mother are rascals, bad. Frank paid me $30 on the Jesse Herd note I handed him the other day. There is the rise of $40 behind.

Dec. 17. Great snow. Clint and Mose at Red river. Jane and Little George in health. I shall stay at home today. Clint and Mose got home with two loads of rails at 3 o'clock p. m. Nat didn't plow on account of snow. Dec. 19. Frank Hembree killed hogs yesterday. I think I'll go to Drummond's to see if my auger is mended. Temperature 31. Dec. 20, drizzling rain. Bill Johnson at Frank Hembree's, looks down smartly. Clint killed hogs yesterday, sold 5 and kept 3.

Dec. 21. Clint is up, helping get breakfast. Dec. 22. Jane went to Frank's yesterday to see his and Elba's baby. It is sick, only one day old. Clint is getting breakfast. I hope to go to see the new baby today. They say it is boy baby.. I am glad . . . The baby died today. I am very sorry. John William was his name, I suppose for its grandpas. It was 11 mos. and 11 days younger than its sister, Laura.

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Dec. 1878

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1938

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Dry Weather Caused Water Shortage and Cold Kept the Judge In the House Frequently

Frank and Elba Rutherford's second child, the judge's grandson, died soon after birth. Dec. 23 he wrote in his diary: I suppose the baby will be buried today at Forest hill, late in the evening. I hope the weather will not be very cold. I must go to the burying if I can.

Dec. 24, 1878. I went to see the baby buried. Perhaps no tears shed at the grave. Its mother was at home. The coffin was nice as I ever saw. The grave is nearer to the blackjack than any other grave. I rather feel that I would like for my grave to be under the same blackjack by that of little John William Rutherford, son of N. F. and Elba Rutherford, aged two days, almost.

Dec. 25. Christmas. Temperature 14. Clint gone to Paris to pay some money on the Craddock note. Bill Johnson with us. I suppose this is the 80th Christmas I have seen. I hope to live to see several others, but I don't forget this may be my last. Jane and I are in pretty good health. I think we ought to go see Elba today. Dec. 26. Clint here, cut up about me and Little George. Great snow.

Dec. 27. Jim Goff back, applies to Clint for work. Clint does not employ him, I hope. Dec. 28. Snow on ground. I have bad cold and headache. I have been wanting to go to Honey Grove for three or four weeks. Dec. 29. I am up at 5 a.m. Good fire. I stayed at home all day, didn't read much. Dec. 30. Cool, snow all gone but we look for more. Mitty (Calvin's son) came home yesterday. He came to see us today, brought some crout from Amanda.

Dec. 31. I am up at 3 a. m. Temperature 68 in this room. Mr. Myers from Fannin here. He wants the wagons and teams for to move him and Voyles down to Clint's place on Red river.

Jan. 1., 1879. I am up at 20 past 4. Jim Goff is in bed here. I ought to write some serious reflections on my age and condition, both of mind and body. But I shall merely say that I am still an infidel. (Then he wrote his attitude toward religion, just as he had done several times before). He resumed: Jane has got up in very good health for her. I have a very bad cold, my head aches. If I live to see the 31st day of this January 1879 I shall be 80 years of age. Is not this a pretty fair hand write for a person 80 years of age? Jan. 2. It will be clear after a little while, temperature 18. Mr. Myers got here at dark. Mr. Voyles didn't come, wife sick, will perhaps come today. The black man, Henderson, is waiting for a wagon to move him. I wish to arrange with Franklin about the Paris land and also about the Jesse Herd note today. I ought to hunt Jenny Lind.

Jan. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Myers and baby here. Jane and Mrs. Myers getting breakfast. Mr. Voyles and family got here about dark. Dec. 4. Voyles and Jim and Myers all here. They intend to start to Red river today. It seems like it might snow today . . . Great snow, about four inches, very cold.

(Continued Sunday)

Jan. 1879

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1938

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

January Sixty Years Ago Saw Sub-Zero Weather In Lamar County Rutherford Record Shows

January, 1879, was really cold on the high prairie north of where now is Petty. Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary, Jan. 5. Lowest, 11 degrees. All well as usual. We look for Clint back from Red rives today. Jan. 6. It is 2 below zero, coldest time for years. Arthur, black man, begins work for 6 mos at $9 per month.

Jan. 7. Drizzling rain, Temp. 30.

Will be sleet I guess. Clint and Henderson, darkey, gone to Brookston with cotton. Arthur cutting wood. Jan. 8. Very cloudy, Temp. 30. More snow I guess, very severe. The great battle fought by Jackson at New Orleans took place sixty-two (62) years ago. I was then about 6 or 7 years of age. Jan. 9, Temp. 8. Great snow last night. I write this at 11 a. m. Fine sunny day, snow thawing. (This is Laura's birthday, she is one year old) I think I ought to go to see Little Laura today. . . . I went and saw her, Laura, she was well, pretty.

Jan. 10. Temp. 20. Snow on ground yet. I can't ride out it is so cold. Somebody ought to hunt Jenny Lind. Jan. 11. Temp. 32. Raining or sleeting. Dreadful time on stock. I ought to get somebody to hunt Jenny Lind. Jan. 12. I think may be more snow today, dreadfull Jan. 13. Much snow on ground. Great thaw today. Clint went to Paris and bought durhams. Jan. 14. Muddy, bad, temperature 43. Clint took Arthur with him to Paris to get calves. Jan. 15. Cloudy, drizzling. Clint got here with the two Durham calves at dark yesterday. Price $125. Mr. England here today. He says he is Methodist.

Jan. 16. Clint brought Jenny Lind yesterday or the day before. Jan. 17. Raining. Jane sick. Clint making troughs. I am about to write to Hurst & Co. of New York for two copies of "How to Become Clairvoyant." . . . I wrote for copy of Clairvoyant and one copy of "Honest Abe's Jokes."

Jan. 18. Fine bright day. I hope we have fair weather. Jan. 19. D. M. Hocker was here going to Honey Grove. My horses are in danger of dying, one died last night. Jan. 20. Clint talks of killing hogs today, temperature 29. Jan. 21. Voyles here from river for pork and hay. Mr. Henson here hunting for a home. . . . Voyles starts to river with pork and hay. Jan. 22. Jane and Clint getting breakfast. I think I ought to go to Glasscock's today. Jan. 23. I handed $40 to Mose Glasscock to pay my tax and Jane's. Likely I shall go to Honey Grove today.

January 24. Mose Glasscock brought my tax receipt and Jane's. He brought a sack of meal and some stove fixings. Jan. 25. I went to Glasscock's and saw Lance Pirtale. Jan. 26. I shall stay at home today. I think I ought to have $100 for 5 acres in a square out of the SE corner of the 160 acres. The 5 acres are well timbered.

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Jan. 1877

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1938

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE. Married Jane Kennedy

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Judge Rutherford Reaches His Eightieth Birthday And Fifty-Second Wedding Anniversary

Judge Rutherford had not lost his ability to trade, even though he was almost 80 years of age. He had a tract of land near Paris which he wanted to sell to one of his sons. December 4, 1878, he had written that Clint would not bid for the land and he didn't know why. January 27, 1879, he wrote in his diary, I finished writout my creed for the Press. It makes six sides (pages) and some on the seventh, it is also stitched. Frank has bought a shorthorn bull. He says he will give $4.50 an acre for the Paris land. J. C. (Calvin) bid $4.20.

January 28. Clint made a trough for his calves. I ought to see Calvin and know if he will bid over $4.50. Jan. 29. All the family abed but me. The clock has stopped. Calvin bid $4.75, then Frank bid $5.00. Jan. 30. Raining, Jane getting breakfast, Clint yet in bed. Tomorrow will be my birthday. I shall then be eighty years of age, fourscore. I can't, should not, expect to stay here much longer. But I fondly look for a better life than this. That or an eternal sleep. But to live on forever is my choice.

Jan. 31. Temperature 66. This is my birthday. I am an Octogenarian. The Bible promise is out. But I still hope for a few more days, if not years. I may live to see the date 1900. Fbruary 1. Temperature 35. It will be fair weather. Calvin bid $5.75.

Feb. 2. All well as usual. Little George spoiled worse. If my ink was good I would write several lines and say something about the future. I think that Jane and I are at a great loss to decide where we shall live next. Feb. 4. George sick. M. H. Glasscock brot me from Paris a box of 2 cans of coal oil, 10 gals, also he brot two dollars worth of coffee. He paid back the balance on a $10 bill, oil $2, coffee $2, cash paid on my taxes $1.11.

Feb. 5. Great wind and rain last night. I ought to see Frank about the land. Feb. 6. Calvin bid $6.25. I have not seen Frank since.... Frank bid $6.50. Feb. 7. I got up late. Will try to settle with the boys today. I took in C P's note for $16 for L. R. Feb. 9. I think I'll go to Honey Grove tomorrow. Feb. 10. Calvin's bid $7.10. Ginger got out and has not been found.

Feb. 11. I loaned Mr. McClure $90, took note yesterday. Frank's bid $7.25. Feb. 12. All well, colt eats corn. Feb. 13. If I live till tomorrow I will have been a married man 52 years, 1879—1827, 52 years. I am 80 years and 13 days old. I think I had better go to the Grove today and try to get money.

Feb. 14. Valentine's Day. Temperature 26. I have been a husband 52 years today. Jane, who is my first and only wife is still with me, but she is infirm. I was married to Jane Kennedy this day 52 years ago. Perhaps death has parted millions who have been married since I was.

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Feb. 1879 Passed his 80th birthday & 52nd wed. ann.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1938

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Finally Sells Paris Land To Frank, Goes to Honey Grove, Comments On Weather

Having passed his eightieth birthday and fifty-second wedding anniversary, Judge Rutherford entered in his diary the usual small happenings of home life. February 15, 1879, he wrote, Likely to snow or sleet, temperature 27. I think I'll have to stay at home today, too cold. Feb. 16. All well as usual. Poor little calf. I heard it blate before its head was in sight, not born. Mr. Mhoon here to see the durhams. He tells of being broke one winter by losing cattle by starvation. He says prairie hay will not do well without being mixed with something better.

Feb. 17. Very cloudy, temperature 40, two calves were kept in the house all night. It is a critical time on young calves. I think I'll settle with Frank today about land at Paris. Feb. 19. Great frost. Frank Stacy here. Feb. 20. Forgot to make entry till night. Ailsey drowned. Feb. 22. All well. Washington's Birthday, 1732.

Feb. 23. Good time for work but it is Sunday. I have a desire to go to Bob Raksdale's today. I went with Clint cow hunting, over the railroad. Feb. 24. Mr. England's fence burned yesterday, total loss. Frank had the last bid at $7.25. 140 acres at $7.25 is $915. Half of $915 is $457.50, in each note. Feb. 25 I went to Frank's. He had gone to Paris. Elba sent greens for Jane. I told Cate that William might have Swabtail to plow a while, she is now tied up. I went to Honey Grove, stayed at W. A. Provine's all night.

Feb. 26. At Provine's, too cold for me to go out into town. Feb. 27. At Provine's. I saw the Negro houses, Dock Shaw's, Riley Nicholson's and Jesse Yoakum's, pretty good. I came home conveniently. Not tired much. Feb. 28. At home at Clinton's. Clinton is getting cotton seed for cattle. Tomorrow will be Saturday, first of March.

March 1. Signs of rain, some corn planted on the place, but little oats. March 2. Signs of rain or snow. I shall stay at home, so cold, maybe I may go to Calvin's. March 3. Cow in bog near the gate. I bought 26 lbs. of sugar. Calvin brot it to me at Clint's. March 4. Fine time to plow and plant. March 5. Jane pretty well, bread burnt up. Little George is at Calvin's. I think I ought to get Frank's notes, he has the deed to the 140 acres.

March 7. I am thinking about buying Frank Hembree's house at $40 and haul it to Calvin's. March 8. We get up late and have to scorch coffee. We are very late risers. We are not doing well for getting (Here his ink played out and after putting water in it he wrote) I am bus poorly furnished with ink. It deceives me often. March 12. I am up at 2:50 a. m. Ought to go to Honey Grove. March 13. Thunder and lightning in N W. The water is scarce. March 14. Cold north wind, Cattle dying pretty much. Squire Walker and Bob Ragsdale here for a stray horse.

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Mar. 1879

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1938

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Returns From Honey Grove, Finds Man With Broken Collarbone And Writes Before Dressing

The diary for the latter part of March, 1879, covered varying affairs. March 16 he wrote: The painter is here (evidently to paint the house Clint had built in which he and his parents lived). March 18. Clint and Arthur (Negro hand) planting corn. Renters have done planting. March 20. Great dancing party here at Clint's last night. March 21. I went to the Grove, stayed all night with Provine, saw Tom Price. March 23. I was at the Grove at Provine's yesterday morning, took breakfast. I went to Independent printing office and made arrangement for publication of my Legacy. I am to be at the office Monday morning to read the proof sheet.

March 24. Jane in poor health but she helps get breakfast. I think I shall go to Honey Grove and propose to the printer to pay me 12 copies now and 42 as they are issued next year. March 25. I went to Honey Grove yesterday, stayed at Ryan's last night. I made a bargain with the printer to pay me 26 copies now and 26 after my time is out, that is, the paper for 6 mos after my present subscription is out. I settled a little with Ryan. I took a new note for $620 and an order to Ryan & Ingram's drug store for about $6. I bought 1 bottle McLean's Blood Purifier from them and one bottle from Geo. A. Dalley. I bot a fine cheap lamp from Ryan & Ingram. I got home at dinner time and went to Calvin's to see Mr. Snell who had just fallen off a wagon at Calvin's and got badly hurt. His collarbone being broken. Dr. McClendon was the surgeon who attended on him. Mr. Snell started home in a spring wagon, with his wife, immediately. I hope he will be well and not be hurt in going.

March 26. I am up at 5. Jane is up, Clint is helping get breakfast. I think there are good signs for rain. I have written the last 22 lines this morning in only my shirt and drawers. March 27. Jane went to Calvin's last night to a party. Clint is getting breakfast. Very dry time for corn. March 28. Clint and Frank Hembree at river for rails. Arthur dragging of corn. Jane says there's no coffee. March 29. Arthur is plowing. Fine clear time but very dry, too dry for corn. William McEwin came here last night and stayed until 10 o'clock today. His visit was very pleasant to Jane and myself. We have promised to go and see him and his wife and children this spring. I think William a very good and sensible man. We part today saying that we may meet again. I am 80 years and 2 mos old. Jane is getting dinner but her leg is rather painful. March 31. I am up at 4 but I shall lie down again for a nap.

(William McEwin had come to Texas with Judge Rutherford in 1835, while he was an orphan boy. He settled near where now is Caviness and for years was one of the best citizens of Lamar county.)

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1938

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Play Parties And Lack Of Rain Worried The Judge In Spring Of 1879

April, 1879, came and Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary the first day of that month: Great wind last night, no rain worth anything. We need rain very much. April 2. Billy Lannius here and his friend Walter, got carriage to go for Michigan girls for party at Mrs. Ribble's. I suppose it was a good party. I suppose that Clint acted the "little dog in high Rye." (The Michigan girls were living in a section north of Petty, settled by some pepole from Michigan and called Michigan prairie). April 3. Young man here from river wants to hire. I think I ought to go to Honey Grove today.

April 4. I went to the Grove yesterday. Paid the printer $10 and 25 copies handed to me and credited on my next year's subscription for 75 cts. The printers said they had heard no fault to my Creed or rather Legacy as yet. I told them that they would hear faults. I bot $1 worth of coffee at W & N and brot to Clint's. I got home a dark.

April 5. Rose is late, Bad. I think I ought to go out and try to get subscriptions to Farm and Fireside . . . I went to England's but had no luck and so I came home. I saw Hull there and a preacher trying to sell Bible. April 6. I think I'll go to H G today to meet Jesse K. to help him about his deed from Wm. M. Williams. April 7. I wrote T. J. Wood this morning and sent a copy of my Creed in the Honey Grove Indepedent. I shall start to the Grove in a few minutes . . . I went and came back same day, bot 2 flannel shirts.

April 8. Yet alarmingly dry time on corn and wheat, farmers out of heart. April 9. Dreadful wind last night but very little rain. None in the pool, very dry. Jane is very well apparently, I write this the next day. April 14. Little rain last night. At Clinton's, he is in bed. Clinton has lost his Gitupism. May be as well so as not. He seems to be the subject of disappointment.

April 15. Jane and I in usual health. Party at Hodges last night, I hope it was a poor thing. Too many parties in this neighborhood lately for good character. I hope 'tis done for a while. April 16. Little rain westerday, Clint in bed. April 17. Clint replanting corn yesterday and today.

April 19. I think I shall send a pretty big batch of mail to Honey Grove by Frank Hembree today. Clint planted corn yesterday. He don't work in garden. We have a bad show for any support from the garden. An illy balanced man pursues a very poor policy, he cannot make much of a living, too negligent. April 20. Fish for breakfast. Debate at Forest Hill, Lemens and Clint. Clint won, decided that men should be best educated. April 21. Very cloudy, dreadful dry time. Very poor show for a good crop. Clint has no stand of corn yet. He has planted the second time. The last planting cannot come up without rain. April 22, Jane up early getting breakfast, Clint helping. Oh, how we need rain.

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April
May 1879

Jim Glasscock

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1938

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

When Rain Came There Was Too Much, and Crops Were Very Weedy

"Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary in April, 1879, of the need of rain. April 22 he wrote: Great rain in the evening and all night. The little pool is level full. April 23. Not raining, great rain last night. Jane is getting breakfast, I help. Rain.

April 24. Every hog wallow running over, wet, wet. April 25. The waters are up. Jane still in bed but she'll get up and cook I think. April 26. Clint at party at Jim Glasscock's last night. Parties are popular yet. I think I ought to try for an organization of a Literary character. . . . But I failed to do anything.

April 28. Too wet to plow. Clint's cow killed by railroad train. He went to Brookston to see railroad man about pay. Will perhaps get pay, don't know. Clint, Mitchell and a Negro to hunt cows and calves. Two orphan calves in the lot. They should be saved. April 30. Mr. Walton here hunting mule. A young man, named Billingsley came to work. Arthur sharpening posts. He drove the posts with Henry to help.

May 1. I am up at 12 o'clock p. m. I have had a fine nap. Great signs for rain. We have too much rain. May 2. Boys driving posts. I will have to hunt the Durham. May 3. Cal goes to Honey Grove, I want envelopes. May 4. Too much rain. Clint was at the debate last night. Hung jury, on the question, "Should a property qualification be required to vote?"

May 5. Drizzling. I have been to mill. I just have been asleep in shop. When I got up and came in the family was eating and I was so deranged that I didn't know whether it was breakfast or dinner. I had forgotten that I had eaten my breakfast. May 6. Rain last night, dreadfully muddy. The condition of the farms is disheartening, too much rain. I ought to go to the Grove but think it too muddy.

May 8. The weather looks promising for dry time. Heap of weeds, crops very weedy. Bill Buckle says he has plowed his corn over twice. I saw Bucephalus. My ink got spilt a few days ago and it is almost spoilt. I told Clint he ought to get bermuda grass from the old place and set around his pool today. He was not polite enough to make me any answer. The weather is fine today . . . and remained so all day.

May 10. I wish to go to Forest Hill tonight and hear the debate. May 11. I went to hear the debate. Question, "Resolved, That Political Ambition has done more to Harm the World than Religious Superstition." Lemens and Clint were prominent. No decision. I slept at Bob Ragsdale's. Got home about noon today. May 12. At home, I prepare for milling. The boys I think are plowing. Little sign for rain. I hope it may not rain for two weeks.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Decided $50 Subscription Toward School House Too Much But Later Made It $100

Judge Rutherford's diary made reference to a matter which the entry did not make clear to one unacquainted with the case. May 13 he wrote: John Phillips here. He is a very social man. He is hunting delinquent taxpayers. He says that Mary has two children of the late family. This is a delicate matter to describe. ——— might get a peep at it and then there would be a good show for going to prison. It seems that ——— is an annoyance to the world, especially Heywood and Bennett. I regard him as a Curse.

May 14. Clint at Paris yesterday. He bot rope, put up calves to brand. I still dread to go to Honey Grove. May 15. All usually well, but late. Clint marked 36 calves today. I went to Grove, stayed at Provine's, took dinner at Burgher's. May 16. I came home, brot a good deal of medicine for Jane. May 17. Thundering, good sign for rain. We don't want it. Many crops are in bad plight now. We could do very well without rain two weeks yet, but Nature's ways are right.

May 18. Good time for work. Clint went to Forest Hill last night to debate but there was no debate account of preaching. I suppose the same question will be debated next Saturday. I reckon I shall stay at home today. May 19. Very cloudy. The garden should be planted today before rain. Jane is about breakfast, she is very lame.

May 20. Clint at Red river after rails, he took a load of hay. Henry and Arthur both hoeing corn. Some spots very weedy. I must go for my meal to Cal's mill, the chickens eat a heap. May 21. Clint is sick, gone to bed. His mother is cooking and no doubt ten times worse off than he is. He is very much like the man's wife, "No great things" (There are leaves missing from the diary here covering the days to June 1). It resumes:

June 1. All well, late breakfast. I have written a subscription and put $50 on but I withdraw it. I think it is too tight on me. The fact is, the house will not be built, I think. June 4. Clint sold 12 beef steers yesterday to Woods at $15 per head, $180. Goff ployed for Clint yesterday. He finished the corn. June 7. The friends of the school house meet today at 4 p. m. June 8. Clint at debate at Forest Hill last night. Altho this is Sunday I think I shall stay at home. June 11. I am up at 4 a. m. I fear that too much wind blew in on me last night through the open window, I don't feel any bad effects yet. I signed a new subscription paper and put down $100. I think my hair must be cut today.

(The page and several following are tattered at the corners and cannot be read. From what is left it appears the subscription was for building a school house, but this is surmise on my part.)

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BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

What He Considered Late Rising—Anywhere After 4 o'Clock Annoyed Judge Rutherford

Judge Rutherford's diary from June 12 to 14, 1879, is too badly torn to be read. June 14, he wrote with a pencil. I'm sorry Rose (a servant) is very late. Cato (another servant) is come. . . I am ashamed of such late rising. It will work out bad. (Then with ink he wrote) I am trying out this pen before I sign D. M. Bennett's petition. June 15. Great rain last night. Good for many 10,000 bushels of corn in this county. We had a meeting of the school friends yesterday. Mr. Lemens was present, he acted as secretary and made himself quite familiar and useful.

June 16. Jane and I up in usual health. I made the fire in the stove. Arthur (a Negro hand) is absent, gone to Paris. Clint is not up. . . . . I past the Sunday here with Jane for her comfort, her leg was better. I have procured Clint's signature to the Bennett petition at last. I am well pleased with this ink. I got it at Honey Grove. June 17. Clint cut oats yesterday at Mose Glasscock's. Arthur went to Paris to benefit his brother Willy and get him out of jail. June 18. Clint and Jane in bed at sunrise. Clint was at party at Michigan, the old Pirtle place.

June 19. I am very much annoyed by the thought that I ought to go to Honey Grove for medicine for Jane. She is out of medicine. Ginger is too poor in health for me to ride today. June 20. Jane is not up. She is out of medicine. Some more ought to be had. I suppose I am about the only correspondent of a liberal paper in North Texas. The Texicans are not much posted on Free Thought. I don't like the last pen and this is no better. Maybe . . . I have put water in ink. June 21. Clint is yet in bed though it is broad daylight. He shows many poor ways in housekeeping. He gets worse all the time. He is not the man he used to be.

(The diary page is torn here but what is left indicates that June 24 Clint rose early and was making a fire in the cookstove and the judge thought it would be a fine idea if he could continue it). June 27. Temperature 78, warmest morning yet but it don't feel so to me. O how I dread going to Honey Grove but I feel I ought to go. June 28. Rain last night, raining now. Clint got home from Paris, brot wire, flour, medicine for his mother &c &c &c. June 30. Clint up before me. I ought to go to Honey Grove today and try to sell Dock Shaw's note for goods to Jim McKee but I fear I cant sell to him or anybody else.

July 1. I have been minding the cattle and reading during the day. Calvin and his family went to Dodd City to see his wife's folks. I neglected to make this entry until after supper. July 2. Temperature 93 at 2 o'clock P. M. Jane has gone to see Elba who is sick. Clint and George are up at Mose's with the reaper. I am here alone. I am minding the calves from the corn. I am uneasy about going to Honey Grove. I think I'll not go this week. July 5 Jane and I went to Brookston yesterday. Had a good dinner, saw Mrs. Potts. Stayed at Mr. Ribble's last night.

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July 1879.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Has Trouble With His Ink, Suffers From Very Hot Day and Attends Pic Nick

July 6, 1879. Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary, I ought to go to the Grove for medicine but I feel too bad. July 9. Clint was at Honey Grove yesterday, brot medicine for his mother bought with my money. July 10. Nobody up but me. Clint ought to finish the fence between his pasture field and Calvin's line. Clinton's cotton was laid by yesterday. Fine show now for cotton. My ink is too thick. Oh yes, it is too thick yet. Now perhaps too thin. The ink very thin and the inkstand running over, over, over.

My ink is hard to get just right. I'll let it be now, now, now.

July 11. I saw Mr. Womack yesterday. He agrees to build a storehouse if I will lend him $100 at 10 percent per annum. I am to have a lien on the house for the $100. He says he wishes to buy his lumber in the same lot to be bought for the school house so as to get a better bargain. He says he will go at the job right soon. Frank Hembree started to the range with his cattle. July 12. Jane in bed, Arthur making fire in stove. I ought to have a new pair of boots or shoes. I think I'll go to Mrs. Ribble's today and try to get her subscription to the school house. Perhaps I may take dinner there or at Mrs. Hobbs.

July 13. I went to Mrs. Ribble's and got some peaches. July 14. It has been hot today, at 2 PM it was 100. It was a most oppressive time. I hear thunder at a distance. Cotton is earlier than I remember seeing it before, bolls grown. July 19. Several wagons go to Paris for lumber for Dr. McLendon. Clint's is to go. I send a letter . . . I didn't send the letter and I was mistaken in the day. The wagons went on Friday, I went to McLendon's on Saturday. July 20. Clint went to the debate last night at Prairie Hill. I write by lamp. July 21. Jane and I took dinner at Calvin's yesterday. I think we must go to Frank's today if Jane is well.

July 22. Clint went to Paris yesterday with two wagons for school house lumber. Durham bull Reuben "out of pocket" this morning. July 23. Party here last night. I don't know much about it. Jane went in with Mrs. Ribble. All left at 1 AM. Calvin or Franklin or families neither were here. July 24. I was sick yesterday. I went over to see Dr. Mc. and to see Womack and Jim Glasscock at work. I went to see Drummond to see if he would move his shop to Center Hill. I learned that he would move west soon to keep cattle.

July 25. Temperature 82. Jane has slept very well. Her leg still looks better, nearly healed over. I think I'll go to the debate tomorrow at Pecan Grove. July 26. Rain last night but very light. It will do good. I still think I will go to the Pic Nick today at Pecan Grove. July 27. I went to the Pic Nick. It was a success to a very great extent . . . Great rain. Tight times for some.

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BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Finds Four Young Men Playing Cards, Talks To Them About Grand Jury, Fell and Hurt A Finger

August, 1879, came, and with it Judge Rutherford's fear for the cotton crop that some people have today. July 31 he had written, Womack brot me 15 envelopes, 50 cts. W. A. Provine here, I loaned him $10 ,took his note. Clint began to cut hay yesterday.

August 1, I am up early. This is the fearful month for the cotton, the worms may come. Calvin is saving hay. August 3. Clint at debate at Prairie Hill, he seems to love to go. Aug. 4. Great meetings on hand. Dan Dukey got religion last night at the darkies' meeting, so Cate says. Big meeting at Forest Hill, Clint and Waller and other went. All hands went again at night, Big scuffle about Bettty. Mr. and Mrs. Womack visiting here, they please me much.

Aug. 5. Very clear and calm. Arthur and Jack Carter cutting burs in the corn. Hodges here reading the Bible to prove that dancing is innocent. Aug. 6. Well, none up but me, 2 AM. Temperature 77, by guess. Jane went to Calvin's. I forgot what day Frank started his cattle, but it was about August 1, 1879. Aug. 7. Big meetings going at Forest Hill and Africa. Jane is yet in bed and I hope as well as usual....She is now up and in a fine state of good humor. Clint and Walter went to Forest Hill to meeting.

Aug. 9. Rains yesterday and last night. An unpleasant incident occurred yesterday. Four young men were playing cards in the little house. I let them know I didnt approve of it. I talked about the grand jury a little. Aug. 13. I think I'll go to Billy Kuykendall's today and see little Laura. Aug. 14. I went to old Billy's yesterday. Took little George. Mr. Womack put up rafters on storehouse. Clinton cut hay. Goff and Walter hauling hay. Aug. 15. Clint sold a beef steer to Holt. Frank Rutherford has been gone west with cattle 15 days, left Aug. first. We have not heard from him.

Aug. 16. Jim and Walter hauled hay yesterday. I ought to go to Calvin's after peaches. I don't know what else to write. I wrote to R. B. Hayes, president of the United States, asking him to release my friend D. M. Bennett from Prison. Aug. 17, I have a badly torn finger. I fear I shall suffer a great deal with it. I hurt it by falling down in the yard, stepping over a rail. Aug. 18. All well but my finger. I hurt my toes with the rail (He was at this time nearly 81 years old). Old Mr. and Mrs. Mhoon and 3 children here yesterday.

Aug. 19. Good time for haying. Camp meeting going on at Spears Springs and practed meeting at Forest Hill by Cumberlands. I don't go to see how they do. Aug. 20. My finger bad. I guess it will be weeks before it is well. My common health prevails but I reckon I shall not ride out much while my hand is so sore. I wish to go to Mr. Ribble's after a book. Aug. 22. I feel I ought to send D. M. Bennett some three or four dollars for a renewal to Truth Seeker. I am sorry for him, very. Womack is laying the floor in his storehouse. (Why Bennett was in jail is not told in the diary. It was apparently a Federal offense of some sort).

(Continued Thursday)

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Writes Letter to His Namesake, Rutherford Hayes, Asking Release From Prison of an Old Friend

Following the entry in his diary Aug. 22, Judge Rutherford copied the letter he wrote Aug. 16 to President Hayes. He said: Honey, Grove, Texas, Aug. 16, 79. John A. Rutherford to His Excellency, Rutherford B. Hayes: Dear Sir: I am a friend of M. Bennett. I pray you, release him. Admit he acted rashly. But, did he not feel it his duty to do so? It must be plain to any mind that the punishment is not proportioned to the crime. Dear Name Sake, if you err, err on the side of mercy. I am an old man, born in 1799. I mean what I say. I pray you, release my friend. And as in duty bound &c. Respectfully, J. A. Rutherford."

Then he resumed the diary. Aug. 23. Clint and Walter went to meeting at Forest Hill last night. I think Womack will hang his doors to his storehouse today and will perhaps begin work on the school house next Monday. My forefinger is quite sore. William A. Provine here. I let him have $10 and took his note for the same. I hope he will ask again. Aug. 24. I think I'll go to Forest Hill today to hear Felix Johnson.

Aug. 25. I was at Forest Hill yesterday. I heard two sermons. One by Dr. Felix Johnson, a very interesting discourse; the other by a young Mr. Johnson but no kinsman of the Dr. I took dinner at Friend Simmons and called on Mose Glasscock as I came home. Aug. 26. The foundation of the school house at Center Hill was laid.

(The leaf of the diary is torn here and the next readable date is August 28). The hands are at work on the school house. Mrs. Hathaway visited us to try for the school. I talked with her and she made a very favorable impression on me. I am willing for her to have the school. She is a very large woman, weight 160. She says she is 40, but she is rather comely than otherwise. Aug. 29. Tip Rutherford and Mrs. Brackeen came to see Jane who is very poorly. Tomorrow is to be the big day at Paris. I reckon I shall not go if Jane is much sick. No one here to get breakfast but Clint. Walter has to milk, Jim to feed.

Aug. 30. I think I'll go in Calvin's wagon to Paris. I must get Jane a bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters . . . Well, I went and got 2 bottles of bitters. I think I saw there the largest concourse of people I ever saw, perhaps 3 or 4,000. I didn't enjoy the big occasion well, nor did others to a great extent, too many for comfort. I came home in Calvin's wagon. I gave $1.00 for 3 cotton baskets for Bill Buckle. Hodges brot them home. Bill returned the order I had given him on J. O. Walker at Brookston.

Aug. 31. Jane some better but very pettish. That's why I did not go to meeting today. But what shall I read? September 1. Summer is gone. Autumn is here. Time flies! Shall I see the summer of 1880?

(I do not know what occasion drew so many people to Paris unless it was the second anniversary of the first great fire, which may have been held on a Saturday because the anniversary fell on Sunday that year).

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Sept. 1879

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1939.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Worried By Dry Weather and Dream of Having To Borrow Meat to Feed Strangers

Some torn pages prevent reading the diary entries from Sept. 1 to 4. On the latter date the judge wrote I am writing this at about 9 o'clock at night. Clint has gone to prayer meeting at Forest Hill. I think he must be trying to get a wife. I wish he would.

Sept. 5. My finger is still sore. There is much distress with cows on account of lack of water. Our pools are done. We watered the cows at the new cistern yesterday. The calves should be put out and all driven off to the creek. Billy Budd drove his cattle by here to the creek. Black woman, Mary Ann, came here to work for us. John Young came to see about painting. He says he will begin Monday and work at 75 cents a day if we feed him. I wish we may employ him to paint 4 houses.

Sept. 6. I had an unpleasant dream. I thought I had to go borrow a little piece of hog meat for dinner for a parcel of strangers. I look for something rather disagreeable. I expect Clint will go to Paris today in preparation for a marriage. I guess he will marry soon. Sept. 7. I am up early, in common health. Clint is to be married today to Betty Ross. I am delighted for the event.

Sept. 9. Clint and his wife late getting up. Perhaps they will do better later. It is nothing but a perhaps. The prospects are not the best in the world. I think I ought to go to Uncle Billy Kuykendall's today. He may be very bad off, I fear he is very sick... I went and found Uncle Billy some better. Laura was asleep. Sept. 10. I feel I should go to Honey Grove and try to get some money. Frank Rutherford got home with his cattle from out west.

Sept. 13. John Young finished painting Womack's store house today. Sept. 14. I am up early, will go and grind coffee. No sign of rain. Old friend Wash Ross was here all night. I suppose he is here through regard for his daughter Betty. Very well. Jane is not grunting much this morning. I loaned Womack $1.50 to pay Young. He owes me $1 for a jug and oil he used of mine.

The remainder of the diary, a few pages, is so tattered that it is not readable. Enough of it is left that I can see he was writing someone to get prices on iron "palings" for his grave, that his son Calvin was doing some repairing at his gin and perhaps might decide to use a steam engine for power instead of oxen, which was the motive used when the gin was constructed a year or two before. This was the latter part of September, 1879.

In another book is his diary for later years. The first part of this, apparently covering about three years, is missing, the entries beginning September 28, 1882, leaving a gap in the record. At this time he was in his eighty-third year, after wondering, at each recurring birthday, from his seventies, whether he would live to see another anniversary.

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Oct. 1879

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Early Rising Of Son Surprised Him. Notes Anniversary Of Death Of His Father In East Tennessee

Many changes had taken place during the three years gap in Judge Rutherford's diary, from 1879 to 1882. The railroad had established a station called Lookout where now is Petty, south of the Rutherford acres, and it was no longer necessary to go to Brookston or Honey Grove to get mail or ordinary merchandise, for there were stores too at Lookout.

Sept. 29, 1882, he wrote that he was at Brookston the day before and got a stove and next day set down that he must read the newspaper that came in the box with the stovepipe.

October 1 he moralized a little saying, Time once gone is gone forever. One minute of time is all we can have. Hence it is plain that our time should be properly used. One minute misused is to be regretted forever. That is Hell enough without brimstone and fire and that eternally. Horrible thought! Rain last night. I went to Center Hill, some eight or ten children, I treated them well. Frank and family went to Old Billy's. (Frank's father-in-law) got a few potatoes, &c. They are very apt to bring back something to eat whenever they go there.

October 3 he again deplored what he called late rising and said, All hands were too late this morning, indeed too late almost every morning. It puts one out of heart to see such laziness. I shall try to go to Mrs. Bible's after some honey. I am writing with the pen Frank gave me. It lets down too free. . . . I have cleaned the pen and it is not quite so free. I like it pretty well.

October 4. Jane and I went to Mrs. Ribble's, or more legally Mrs. Gordon's, and were treated with very kind attention. I think it was a very pleasant interview to all. They will be very apt to pay us a visit before long. If they should we must treat them as well as they treated us. We met Mr. Albert Walker at Mrs. Gordon's. We all had a social laugh about baby chairs where there was no use for them. Oct. 31 I got 10 gallons coal oil at Leverett's at $3 and $2 sugar. I have gone about $15 over the $60 he owes me for the store.

November 1. At Frank's, something strange. He and Elba have been up since 1 o'clock, breakfast before day and he is now at the gin. Jane is up and walking over the house without her crutch. Nov. 2. This day 68 years ago my father died in Cocke county, East Tennessee. My mother died about ten years after. I am sinking a little, perhaps may go this winter. Well, I have no fears of a Brimstone Hell. I think I shall be at least as happy in the spirit world as I have been in this. I notice that my mule Lincoln, or Jane's, is about to die from the present appearance. He seems to have a severe running at the nose and eyes. He is in danger. I hope he will be as happy in the next world as he was in this.

His father

(Continued Monday)

Nov. 1882

Thomas England
Dr. McLendon

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Fears He Has Symptoms Of Paralysis and Enjoys Music Played On His New Harmonette

In November, 1882, Judge Rutherford feared paralysis. He wrote in his diary on the 3rd: I have a very singular pain in the left thigh, inside, from two or three inches above the knee to the top of the calf of the leg. It comes in flashes or spasms or cramps. I felt the premonition of it two or three days ago. It seems to be carried along an artery. I fear it is the incipient stage of paralysis. The mule Lincoln is not dead yet they say. Frank took one bale of cotton to Paris this morning and brought sweet potatoes, ties and bagging.

Nov. 4. This is the birthday of my daughter Amanda (Stephens), also my grandson, Jackson K. Rutherford. Mr. McGee brought my music, Pianoette, from Brookston. Nov. 5. Moore is working the Pianoette. Does well. Nov. 6. My thigh and hip hurt me yet. Our mule died yesterday with distemper. Nov. 7. My left hip pained me last night but I am better today. I bathed it with jamaica ginger and coal oil.

Nov. 10. I went to Dowlin (now Petty). Filed letters in post office with blank envelopes, failed to get stamps, none there. Nov. 13. First frost. Nov. 14. Jane is up going about the house on her crutch. Nov. 15. Bright day, fine frost. This day one year ago Jane was paralyzed and has never been well since that day. I think she has faint hope that she may get well but she don't say so. She told me a few minutes ago that she had rather live ten years longer in her crippled condition than to die today, but that was a reasonable answer. I have a disease of my left hip and thigh. I do not sleep well on account of a dead pain in my hip. I feel that it is probable that I may die this winter.

Nov. 16. Great rain last night, raining yet. Old Tommy England and Dr. McLendon started to move this morning, though raining. I would guess that they would see and feel more trouble today than they ever experienced in any one day in Texas. But under a sudden impulse we often resolve inprudently. I reckon they did but it is not all lost. The disaster modifies our decisions in the future and so turns out a blessing in disguise. Nov. 17. George Moore's brother and Jim Glasscock came. Two or three persons here to borrow money. I fail to lend the money. I have none to spare. Tax to pay.

(Then he lists on his diary a list of the "tunes" he has ordered for his "harmonette." Coronation, Home Sweet Home, Nearer My God to Thee, Sweet Bye and Bye, Rock of Ages, Watchman, What of the Night, Old Hundred, Hallelujah, Auld Langzyne, Annie Laurie, Dixie, Skidmore Guards, Tramp Tramp, Campbells Are Coming).

Nov. 26 he wrote that these came in good condition and we put them through the instrument. They did well, very well. I think I'll send for another half dozen.

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Nov. & Dec. 1882

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1939.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Hangs Dog Bitten By One Supposed Rabid, Which Women Folks Resent And Cook Quits

Resuming his diary after the entry about his music rolls, Judge Rutherford wrote, Nov. 23, Mr. Austin's family here last night with music, harmonica and banjo. Not much churchism about them. I guess I shall like them. Nov. 25. Frank and the boys got home from the river. I suppose they failed to do any good for the cattle cause. I think it was a week wasted.

Nov. 26. I hung the little dog that was bitten by the big dog on the gallery, we believe mad. Jane and Elba and Cate (the Negro cook) all as mad as the devil. Cate's boy said he didn't know whether he had rather the dog lived and gone mad and bit him or been hung. Now be it known that is not the only fool in this case. A mad dog's life is no advantage to him or anybody. Cate and her boy left quick as the dog was hung. I hope they stay away.

Dec. 3. I delight in this bright sunny day, Sunday. Pleasant. I have not seen Ginger (his favorite horse) today. I fear he is dead and if he is I shall no doubt follow soon. And if I should find him in the Spirit world I think it would delight me to speak to him with as much respect as I ever spoke to him in this life. I think that Nature's God is under as much obligation to give Ginger a second life as he is to give me a second life. I don't suppose that Ginger expects a second life but that is no proof that he will not get it. I look for a second life but that don't prove that I'll get it. Life was bestowed unasked for on both of us. As the giver bestows life on us once, unasked, I think it reasonable he will do so again, not because we ask but because it is his own Rule or Law. I think Ginger has as good a right to a second life as I have.

Dec. 3. Frank started his beef steers to Round Prairie, Moore and Albert went with him. McGee gathering corn. Ginger still lives. Dec. 6. Frank and boys got home yesterday. They took 101 head of cattle to the river. Jane is up knitting. I shall likely work at doctoring the little apple trees.

Dec. 8. Frank killed hogs, very fine pork, very cold, temperature 20. Dec. 13. Fine weather. Frank at gin, it will run today. Dec. 14. I have been working at stove shelves. It is 4 o'clock PM. I am much perplexed because the bands of the shelves are too small for the stove pipe in this vicinity. Dec. 17. Jane says she failed to sleep any last night on account of cold feet and pains. She is yet in bed. I think I'll go to Clint's today and see the baby which is perhaps 3 or 4 weeks old and I've never seen it yet.

Dec. 18. Drizzling. Frank rode the little pony to Red river to see the cattle. Moore, McGee, Plemons and Hugh killing hogs for Frank. They cut up the pork by lamplight. Dec. 19. Calvin and Mr. Brown here. I let Calvin have $70 and took his note and reworded it. The gin going, Frank salting meat. Dec. 20. Frank salted pork yesterday. Took bones out of shoulder, made long middlings, the first I ever saw cut up and salted. I am fearful he will lose some of his meat.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1939.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Considers Free Singing School, Records Snow, Negro Hanging In Paris, And Stove Pipe Fell Down

Judge Rutherford was a lover of music and good reading. He wanted to see people educated and especially in reading and singing. Dec. 23, 1882, he wrote. I have a plan in my head. If I could get Mr. West to teach vocal music at Center Hill 2 or 3 months on every Saturday and Sunday, I have a mind to have it a free school, having everybody living in ten miles invited to attend. I'll give Mr. West $1 per day. I think I shall go to Clinton's and try to trade him a note on M. H. Glasscock for a note on himself. I wish to trade Clint and Calvin other notes for their notes. It is the safest plan for them.

Dec. 25. Christmas. A delightful fair time and pleasant. Jane and I have been here at Frank's all day. Had very good dinner but no friends to help us eat. Albert, Hugh and Jimmy shot birds, rabbits, &c all day. I didn't write this till late in the evening. Fletcher Mitchell brot a big load of cotton today to the gin. Dec. 30. I have a strange hoarseness with no bad cold. Miss Belle Reed came here yesterday to live. She will try to please us I think. I am going to shell corn for milling. I went to mill and got meal. Dec. 31. Snow.

January 1, 1883. Temperature 15. I got up at 1 o'clock and made fire, and stayed up till 4. Jan. 2. Snow on the ground, temperature 16. Jan. 3. All in pretty good health but Jane, yet she is up and at work. I suppose this will be an idle day with us. Snow on the ground. McGee went to Paris for a barrel of salt but is not back yet. I guess he had some bad luck. I reckon I shall remain in all day. All hands are setting around doing nothing but talking. That was the way all day. Muddy, muddy, snow.

Jan. 5. Dark time. A darkey to be hung at Paris today. Some persons from here went to see. The report is that he has been baptized in the jail. This is Humbug, Big. He is now to be in heaven before 2 PM today. No doubt he is yet glad that he stole the old man's money. I wish every true murderer were kept in the penitentiary life time. Jane at knitting.

Jan. 6. Henry Moore here wishing to see book, "Story of the Bible." I regret a rough answer I gave Belle. Jan. 7. If DeSpain preaches at Center Hill today I wish to hear him. Dec. 9. Frank about to kill hogs. I shall go direectly to See Ginger. I didn't see him yesterday. Jan. 11. Chris Riggs here, is going to move his mother to Pinkney Price's brick yard. I hope Albert will remain here. He is as good as most. I am rather fond of him. He never pouts or sulks. (The "brick yard" was then the place where paupers were kept under contract between Price and the county.)

Jan. 12. I helped Belle about the milking, she did very well. I expect she ought to help turn out the cows. I wish to go to Center Hill this evening to see the students. I may hint to them about my Sunday music and Reciting classes, also arithmetic class. I also wish to see Clint about swapping notes. Jan. 14. I neglected to make entry today but I now say this, that Jane had a very bad spell, I was at home all day. Frank and Elba and babies went to Old Billy's, failed to come home. The stove pipe fell down.

(Continued Thursday)

Jan. 1 Feb. 1883

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1939.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD.

Cold Winter Made Judge Uncomfortable And He Had Bad Case Of Blues

January, 1883, was a cold month and Judge Rutherford disliked the cold weather, being almost 84 years old. Jan 16 he wrote, after mentioning the cold: The girls and Jimmy all went to Walter's store. I handed Vanny $1, Belle $1.50 and Elba $1. It's gone!! (Belle was the young woman who lived with them to help with the housework and Elba was his son Frank's wife.)

Jan. 18. I have lost the run of the times. I don't know that it is Thursday 18. I am in pretty good health. Jan. 20. The coldest day in 20 years, maybe ever. Snow one inch, dreadful. Jan. 21. Very cold, temperature 4 or 5. At home all day, too cold to ride out. I was at Mr. Hutchins yesterday and he was trying to water horses, they would not drink, ice on the pool. I think this is the coldest time I ever felt. Jan. 24. Clear day, temperature 6. Hugh cuts wood evenings, Frank fixing gin pipes. I gave up the overcoat to Walter Leverett. Jan. 27. Very cloudy. My birthday will soon be here though I may not see it. Jan. 28. I wish to go to Center Hill to Sunday school. I would like to give notice of my wish to have singing &c every Sunday this summer. Jan. 29. Fine clear day. I am about to start to Clint's on Hawk, as Ginger is too weak to be rode. He will be apt to have blind staggers.

Jan. 30. I feel that I am falling out of social life. My going about is done, it seems. I begin to feel lonely, like I must quit associating with friends in this world very shortly. I cannot hope to enjoy friends at Center Hill any longer. I think I should see Clint and Calvin. I think I'll walk. Tomorrow will be my birthday. Jan. 31. Probably the last, if I see it. I think I shall die expecting life forever . . . The tomorrow came and I didn't make the entry in its place but I wrote a letter to the Foxes, I like them very well. (The Foxes were prominent spiritualists of that time.)

Feb. 1. Very windy and cold. Frank is at Red river to bring his beef cattle home. Cattle are in danger. I look for much destruction of the cattle. Feb. 2. Think it will rain. Frank brot his cattle yesterday, 106 or 7 head. Feb. 3. Some snow, cold wind. It is dreadful on the cattle. The beef steers are in bad condition. Won't go to market soon, not before May or June. Their growth will pay.

Feb. 5. Snow on ground yet. Feb. 6. Cloudy, light snow. A few minutes ago I was the object of more than 300 pairs of eyes. It was the cattle that was pleased to see me as they thot I was going to feed them. It is not likely I shall ever have 600 eyes set on me at the same moment.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

His Favorite Horse, Ginger, Drew His Last Breath; Marriage Anniversary Noted

The cold weather continued in February, 1883. Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary Feb. 7. Temperature 25. Snow on ground yet. All set around the fire and talk about the cold weather. It is too cold for me to go out. Feb. 8. A. Castleberry here—did not get. Frank paid Cates some money for three young calves. Feb. 9. Very cloudy and sleeting. I am anxious to be at Clint's and make arrangements about notes. Rideout sent outfit to me, chromos at Brookston. I must go to Brookston tomorrow and get stovepipe shelves and chromos.

(A page is torn from the diary and the next entry is February 12, 1883 "Or rather E M 283".) That date he wrote, I brot the gutters from Hutchins and put them up and cut out the window. I pd 50 for gutters and . . . for window. (Feb. 14. This day 56 years ago was a day of woful consequences (It was the anniversary of his marriage in 1827) Valentine's Day. I don't know why it is so called but it had a cause.

Feb. 15. Warm and cloudy. Ginger my faithful old riding horse quit drawing breath last night. I don't know whether he lives in a better life this morning or not. My opinion is that if I deserve another life so does Ginger. I think he filled his place in this life according to capacity as well as I have or any man. I do not know whether to bury the old horse or not. I reckon I shall never ride much more. I would be glad to own a good little buggy horse, but I'll not need a horse maybe.

Feb. 16. Drizzling. Jane is on a balance, no better, no worse. Feb. 17. Very cloudy, Elba tried to rescue Laura. The matter resulted very unpleasantly. I will not be forgotten soon I guess (I expect he tried to correct his grandchild and her mother objected. He refers to similar instances in other places). Feb. 18. The sun shines finely today, melting the snow fast. Milton Brown here on a visit, cheerful. Feb. 19. Very fine breeze. One steer dead in the lot. Here is but little prosperity. I will go to Clinton's after dinner and ask the store keeper for a receipt for last year. Frank and his wife and children have gone to her father's because Joe is sick.

Feb. 20. Nice day. Jane is at work washing. Belle also washing. Feb. 22. Washington's birthday. Claimed by the Church and claimed by the Infidels, but I believe he was an infidel. He was a great friend to Thomas Paine and Jefferson, both avowed infidels. (Elba and her children are at Old Billy's yet.) Joe K is very sick, in danger. Frank will be here today I hope. His steers were not fed yesterday. Feb. 24. I am not very well, think I should take a pill or two right now. Feb. 25. Temperature about 30. I am still unwell. As fine a day as ever I saw for brightness. Feb. 28. Belle fell down, getting over the fence and hurt her nose.

(Continued Sunday)

They lived with Frank Near Calvin. Mar. 1883

Mat Brown Mrs. R's father

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1939.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Jamaica Ginger and Tutt Pills Believed to Have Improved Health

Judge Rutherford and his wife, Jane, apparently lived alternately with their sons. During February, at least, he had been with Frank and on March 1, 1883, he wrote in his diary. A hope winter is gone. This is a fine day indeed. Jane and I were brot here to Calvin's yesterday. March 2. I purpose going to Center Hill today. I ought to write out a notice for next Sunday, say for Multiplication Table. Mr. (he left the name blank, probably could not recall it at the time) who makes my palings goes to Paris, will bring white paint.

March 3. Fine day. All my ink spilt on the floor. Tip . . . (Tip was Calvin's wife and probably made some remark about the ink) March 5. Rain last night. Mr. Mat Brown and 2 girls here on a visit. March 6. Mr. Brown and young ladies came down by train. They will leave about Saturday next. They are fine looking (Brown was Mrs. Calvin Rutherford's father, lived in Fannin county, the girls were her sisters). March 7. Jane knitting. This seems to be good ink. It was bot at Lookout, 10 cents. Dinner.

March 8. Frost, breakfast late. No plowing yet, very disheartening time on farming. I must pay taxes. March 9. Mr. Brown and girls still here. Expecting a dance tonight. Jane didn't cough a single time last night, she is greatly improved. I think I'll go to Clinton's after breakfast. I wish to hear the lecture. March 10. The Pound Play was but a moderate thing. No dancing but plenty of music on the organ and violin. Our Fannin girls would not dance. Belle Reed not here, she's mad. Mr. Brown started home and girls. I was at Clinton's as they past going to Lookout to take the train.

March 11. Jane and I are very free from coughs. We have great confidence in the jamaica ginger and Tutt's Pills. Something else now. Reckon I ought to go to Center Hill today and see how things are going. I may possibly operate there some this summer. March 15. Mrs. Craddock died yesterday leaving five children, one only a few days old. I wish Tip would take the infant and raise it. I'll pay Tip for keeping the infant three months, then maybe some one else will take care of it. The person who takes care of a helpless infant will get his reward in both worlds. To do good makes our Heaven sooner or later, in this world or the next. Mrs. Craddock was buried at Forest Hill today. I and Mrs. Hutchins put up the graveyard palings at Center Hill.

March 16. The little Craddock babe, Bennett, rested well all night and is still sleeping well. I am minding it. I thought of going to Center Hill school this morning just to encourage. I ought to go and put up the palings for graveyard.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Has Head Felt By Phrenologist, and Later Felt Was Going Crazy

Judge Rutherford was much interested in the child whose mother had died when the baby was a few days old; the youngest of five children. The baby had been taken, at least temporarily, by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cal Rutherford. March 16, 1883, he wrote in his diary, I would be glad to enter the birthday of the little orphan now in the kind care of Mrs. Tip Rutherford. I shall try to recollect. I went to hear Mr. Lowe lecture on Phrenology at Center Hill. He is a very pretty speaker, I think he acquitted himself well. He felt of my head, Shelton's, Clinton's, Calvins's, and perhaps Mr. L's.

March 18. I think I'll go to Sunday school today and see if there is any outcome in it. A misplaced letter was handed me this morning, I don't know when it came, I had never seen the envelope. I felt that I ought to answer it but I failed to do so. I had an attack of a difficulty to think or talk. I felt like I was getting crazy. I thing I am in danger.

March 19. Shelton left Calvin's today unceremoniously. Calvin has gone to hunt another hand to work. March 23. Calvin planting corn. I went to Brookston, bought 8 balls of knitting yarn and forgot it on the counter. I paid 60 cts for it. I must send for it, at Walker's old store, now Hawkins & Mallory. March 25. Rain last night. I was anxious to go to Sunday school today but I think too much mud for walkers. March 26. Jane helping in the kitchin. I am in good condition for near 85 years of age.

March 29. Very foggy or cloudy from the Gulf. A young man here talking of hiring. No corn planted yet, too much rain and mud. (30) Drizzling rain, very unkind season for the farmer. (31) Very cloudy, Tip little sick, late breakfast, Jane is up at work. . . . Tip says she was asleep and not sick as I had written.

April 1. Fools' Day very cloudy. Too cool to go to Sunday school. I am very much worried about sending money after music. I'll try to be at Sunday school this evening and talk to the children a little about how we should spend this spring. (2) Clear. Calvin is planting corn. (3) George W. Walker is here, Cal is playing Cottage Home for him. Very likely George and I will never meet in this life again. Well, we part, I hope as the best of friends. I read the preceding part of this entry to George just now, I choked up so much that I had to stop reading. Calvin and his two hirelings gone to plant corn.

April 5. Warm and cloudy, farmers will plant corn today. (7) John Ribble came here and stayed all night. He and Cal made music.

(Continued Tuesday)

April 1883

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Buys Singing Books to Be Used At Center Hill and Breaks Baby's Milk Bottle

April 8 he wrote in his dairy that he had gotten up and made a fire before Tip (his daughter-in-law) was up, and he thought breakfast would be late. I think I'll go to Sunday school. I hope friend West will be there. I am much concerned about trying to operate with the children . . . I went to Sunday school, had a pleasant time, to have school next Sunday. I am to try to have singing books by then if I can. (10). Good time to plant corn and cotton. Jane is still improving. I think the jamaica ginger has been of great benefit to her in curing her cough. (Here he began writing with a purple indelible pencil) This is the new pencil.

April 11. Yesterday was the day Mr. Guthrie was to be buried at Center Hill but somebody sent word to the grave diggers not to dig the grave there and they left. I said publicly that I would not have had it happen for $1000. I'll defend my own innocence if the heavens fall. Let the blame fall on the guilty, but no Rutherford blood is on it. (14) It is now sunset. I have written smartly today. Cal went to Honey Grove, took mail for me.

April 15. Clear day, fine for farmers and everybody else. I must go to Center Hill today and report failure to get the books . . . I went and reported and promised that the books would be there next Sunday. We had good singing before Mr. West came but better after he came. The Forest Hill preacher was there. He prayed for the Sunday school and said he could preach for us the 3rd Sunday in May at 3 P.M. I am to be at Center Hill next Sunday at 10 AM to lend books.

April 21. I am up and well but very unpleasant in mind about temporal matters. I'm wrong in permitting myself to be troubled by such things. I believe some person has watered my ink, but this color will do. I have sent $5 by Mr. Lackey for singing books and $1.50 for medicine. I hope he will do up the matter correctly, I think him a very safe man to rely on in almost any kind of case. He puts on Orthodoxy. (22) Weather fine for going to Sunday school and reading. I look for discouragement today at Center Hill about the Reading Club. I am afraid George Ross will be a Flash.

April 23. I am pretty pleased with the result of yesterday. Mr. Lackey brought my dozen singing books. Costs books $4.80, medicine $1.50. He paid me back 15c. I have appointed to go to Cedar Hill next Sunday at 10 AM and take singing books. I shall let the singers have the use that day free, no longer unless they buy. I must not sell on a credit. (24) Jim McKee and Tank Holt here last night with cattle. I knocked the babe's bottle off the table and broke it. Tip washed the floor quick.

(Continued Wednesday.)

May 1883 At Calvin's

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Visiting Relatives Leaving Made Him Sad And He Had Lost Confidence In Himself

Thomas Kennedy and wife, relatives of the Rutherford's, were visiting them in the spring of 1883. April 30 the judge wrote, We are at Calvin's, I have just reminded Cal that he ought to send the buggy to Clint's to bring down Tommy and his wife to dinner. He gave me no answer. I fear he'll not pay them the respect he ought. I think Tommy and Alice feel very lonely and to be treated with neglect is cruel.

May 1. But Calvin did send the buggy after Tommy and Alice. Milton took the buggy up, then went to school. Tommy and Alice came down in the buggy and I helped him ungear and put buggy away. Tommy and wife left this morning. We feel very lonely. I presented Tommy with Woman's World and Agnostic. It was a sad parting with us. I remarked to my frends when shaking hands that it was a hundred chances to one that we would never meet again in this world, and so I now think. O, how sad I feel and I doubt not Jane feels as sad as I do and probably much more so. Frank took Tommy and Alice in his wagon to Honey Grove. Yesterday Calvin took a wagon to Lookout (Now Petty) and brot 3 of our girls home, our kinsfolk, Tommy's daughter Laura, George's daughter Mary Jane and Amelia's daughter Callie. They sang and played the organ. All very interesting, I think. They all have requested me to write in their albums and I will write. I hope that we gave our visiting friends satisfaction and that the visitors were pleased also. The three girls will stay here several days.

I have lost more confidence in myself, in being of any more advantage to the world, in the last few days than I ever lost before in double the time. I feel that I have about wound up my share of duties I had to do in this life. Well, I think that when I feel the time has come that I am to go, that I shall be ready to go to another world. No Death!

May 2. I feel very sad though in common health. Our girls left. Calvin took them to Lookout. I saw them on the trains. Laura K. and Callie E. I had written a motto in their albums to the West and Mary K. to the East. I felt remarkably sad all day yet I could not recollect where I had failed.

May 6, Sunday, I went to Center Hill, first one. good audience at 3 PM. Good singing. Mr. West led. I announced my intention to distribute Temperance Tracts. The people seemed pleased (8) Fair day, fine time for work. I wanted to go to Brookston but went to Dowlen and brot letters. (9) Mr. Fisk, book agent, Horse Doctor book. Calvin would not buy. Young Thomas begins work today. He looks strong and healthy.

(Continued Friday)

May 1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Gave Much Thought to Clubs Of Classes For Instruction and Entertainment For Children

Spring, 1883, having come, Judge Rutherford resumed interest in singing and reading classes which he hoped to have at a school house or church. May 10 he wrote that it was raining and how we wish it would quit, right now. (11) I have written out "Children's Do Right Class Reading" for the readers. I have watered this ink yet I think it is strong colored enough (It was purple ink). I think I shall go to the school house this Friday afternoon to hear the children....I went to Center Hill but didn't give out an appointment. I concluded to try to work in concert with Mr. Lackey in forming a circulating library. We can have Temperance Tracts and Sunday School books.

May 12. Cloudy. Jane at breakfast. I would like to drive out today, perhaps to Brookston ...But I didn't go. (13) I reckon I'll go to Clinton's and to Center Hill at 12 and 3. I should like to talk to Mr. Lackey and see if we could run the introduction. That scheme might be made very interesting. (15) Rain yesterday. I couldn't get the use of Snip to go to Brookston. (16) I could go to Clinton's today, they may think I am too distant. I was at great loss to know what day of the week this is. Tip says Wednesday.

May 17. Jane grunts a little but has gone to breakfast. I'll go now. I have just shown the most complete postal card I ever received to Milton. It is from George Stewart. He is a man of worth, no doubt. (19) Tip and I had a little sharp sparring about Negroes. I intimated they should be estimated according to their worth and not their color. (20) May rain today. Jane up and washed, no breakfast yet. I ought to write D. C. Cook. He wrote me a very kind letter so I am bound to answer or feel that I've committed a sin in the case.

May 21. Very cool, about 50. We hear that Jesse Herd is in jail in Sherman about forgery about the bank. I'm sorry. (22) Very cool. I grunt a little. Jane up and washed. (23) My mail from D. C. Cook yesterday was wonderful, I suppose fully $10 worth. I am very well satisfied. I'll have to procure something to hold the papers, a trunk or box or shelf I reckon. I'll take the books to school house as a circulating library. The books will be under lock and key, or should be. I say they must be.

May 25. I must go to Center Hill today. I ought to hear from Clinton, he may be bad off, sick headache. It is my determination now to use in dating the Era of Science. E S 283. (26) Music meeting here last night, Mr. Lackey and girls. Unpleasantly cool this morning, bad time on cotton, crop poor. (27) I am very sleepy, feel very dull and heavy. It is doubtful about my going to Sunday School today. I ought to go.

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May & June 1883

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE,

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Decides to Use Era Of Science Dating and Moralizes On Good and Bad Actions

May 28, 1883 or Era of Science 283, as Judge Rutherford decided to make his dates, he wrote that his wife, Jane, was at the table eating but had more cough than she had been having and "sounds more diseased at the lungs." (29) I had very good meeting Sunday at Center Hill. I hope there is no rain today, corn is very weedy. (30) Rain last night. (31) Cloudy at horizon, almost all around. Jane is well pleased with the spring bedstead, so am I, it is good.

June 1. Jane is up, washing in warm water. I ought to have some jamaica ginger. I was at the Center Hill school yesterday. Mr. Lackey invited me very earnestly to be there again today, as the students would read compositions. I'll try to go. (2) I was at the school yesterday and announced that I would be there to meet the children on Sunday between 12 and 1 with pictures for them if they would merit them by reading and embroidery.

(Here he interpolated an entry concerning the orphan child he mentioned some time before. It read): Rudolph Craddock, born January 23, A. D. 1883. His mother died March 14, 1883. Her name was Elizabeth Jane. Tip Rutherford took care of the infant for about two months. The child is now, with its father, in good health, they say.

May 4. Jane coughs worse. I was at Center Hill yesterday. Had a good time of it, gave away 20 chromos. (5) Two men are here, Godbold and his friend, to start the hay press. Yesterday I wrote out two copies of constitution for Canda club. Yesterday, Mr. Thomas and Daniel went to Paris. Dan is here. I don't think his father came back, I guess they had a case in court. I don't know what to do with myself today. I ought to write to friends.

May 6. I rose earlier than usual and went to Clinton's to see George Ross about the Canda constitution. I got one paper and left one with George. I hope he and the two Everetts combine their strength and run the club. It could be made an interesting institution, but I fear society is not ready for it yet. Still I shall hope and try for progress. Everyone knows that we can't progress unless we try. Try is the best word in the language, so say I. And here is my opinion. Every person that ever lived or now lives, will experience more Heaven than Hell in a future life. At any period of our past existence we would have said, "Life is worth living." That is the same as saying the present life affords more Heaven than Hell. Self commendation constitutes our Heaven and self condemnation our Hell. We commend or condemn our every action in word, thought or deed. We can't swallow a drop of water without either commending or condemning the act or deed. Now, if we produce more acts or deeds which we commend than we do of those which we condemn, then we have more Heaven than Hell. I continued this Heaven and Hell subject on another paper.

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June & July 1883

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE,

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Was Interested In Providing Entertainment and Instruction For Children At School House

Judge Rutherford's diary for June 9, 1883, said, I went to the store yesterday and got six bottles of jamaica ginger for $1 and bought some paper. Great rain last night, came up like it would storm but was not bad, big rain this morning. (11) I think the meeting at Center Hill yesterday was a success, a very good congregation. Mr. West was sick and retired and George Ross took his place. (14) Jane is up and making up the bed. I shall take her the washbowl before I go to breakfast though they are eating now.

June 15. Bob Wilson here, been here several days doing nothing. Poor promise for Bob unless whiskey was annihilated. Betty Thomas was here early. Hard times drives her. I am sorry for the girl, she is very scare of apparel. This is a pleasant morning, Mr. Price will work on my buggy shafts ... I got my buggy shafts mended, paid $1. (16) I went to the school house, heard them read, I would like to write to Tommy Kennedy if I could think of anything to say. His old fogy orthodoxy sticks out so prominently that I become annoyed with it.

June 17. The atmosphere is very bracing. Bob is here yet, doing no good. I went to Center Hill, heard sermon by Mr. Simpson. We had but little singing. (18) I have a light pain in the back of my head. I am in as low spirits as I have been lately. I am done with the business world, I must die soon and soon be forgotten in this place.

June 24. I intend to go to Center Hill after dinner. I do not expect to have much audience today on account of the heat but to keep my conscience void of offense I'll try to go. I fear the hot weather will break up our meetings, especially do I regret the failure of the singing. (26) Bettie Thomas is sick. Bob Wilson took my oil down and set it on the floor where it was in great danger of being spilt. I can't tell what he wanted with it, maybe some disease.

June 29. I should record that Benny Walcott and wife, Mat and Mat's 3 children, Mrs. Wilson, Mat's mother, were all here yesterday. I was much pleased that they called on us and Jane I think was gratified. I heard from Benny that Newton Pirtle was dead. Died day before with consumption. Next Sunday will be July 1. (30) Jane showed some sociability to me, more than usual, I was surprised. Dr. Thomas came here this moment and is using the grindstone.

July 1. This is a very cool day. I put up a map at the school today. (2) I rise very late. Opened a bottle of jamaica ginger and hung it up with string near the closet door. (3) I think I ought to learn to map some today. The more familiar I am with it the better for me and the students. I brot my overcoat, Jane's dress and my basket to Clinton's (He and his wife had been living with their son Calvin). I think I'll put wire handle to my basket.

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July 1883

at Clinton's

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Attended School Examination Where A Little Jower Occurred Between Boys

He was having trouble with the pen and ink, and the entries for several days referred to it and were so pale as to be barely decipherable. July 4 he wrote, This day was once a much honored day but now little. July 5. My ink was wasted by Justin (a grandson). I think Tip was under a mistake in thinking I had filled the inkstand with water. I suppose it was Justin trying to make ink of it. (7) I went to Lookout, got no mail, saw Nichols, sent apple to Cynthia, his wife. Saw Mary Gibbons. I thoughtlessly asked about her husband and family and sure enough she had none all the time, but she seemed not to care about it. She is a dwarf.

July 8. Sunday. I shall go to Center Hill today but I fear I shall be in very low spirits. Calvin was very sick with colic, Tip steamed him. Rufus Cates is here reading in the little paper called Our Women . . . I read my paper proposing to the children that they subscribe for the Temperance paper, Our Women, but he seemed to feel that he had no interest in such matters.

July 9. Calvin is at the table trying to eat. Milton is at the moment playing the organ and shows signs of very pretty progress in music. Good music promotes delight. (2) Examination begins today at school. I say it will not be very interesting.

Judge Rutherford went to the examination as school commencements were called then. July 13 he wrote, I am at Clinton's. Old man Ross sends his tobacco smoke into my nose from the west end of the passage. He has the advantage of the wind. Weather cloudy, we want rain. I think I'll write a proposition to teach a class of readers at Center Hill one month or 20 days, beginning next Monday, at common price. I now tell something about the examination. It was respectable, went off in good order, a very great concourse of people. There was a little jower between Jerry Leverett and Harrison Hodges. It was a very creditable affair (I am sure he meant this last sentence to refer to the examination and not the jower).

July 14. People are wishing for rain, I go to sleep while I am writing. That is indication I shall not live long, so I take it. (15) Some rain last night, very much wind, near being a storm. I fear the corn is injured by the wind. (16) Clinton has had a right good crowd at his table several days, I think there is about 3 girls here and some boys left just now. I am going to trim little apple trees.

July 17. Cool morning. Mr. Bass is here, he is a Campbellite preacher, very simple. He and Wash are matched. Betty brought my little table downstairs and put in the little room for me to write on.

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July Aug 1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Was In Low Spirits And He And Wife Did Not Expect To Live Long

In July, 1883, Judge Rutherford was living with his son, Clinton, and July 22 he wrote in his diary, Big meeting at Forest Hill, it is said to be Cumberland Presbyterian. Odds is the difference, they are all retarding the advancement of truth or I am honestly mistaken. (25) I am writing before sunrise by lamplight of my new lamp I bot from Walter for 25 cts. My lamp works very well. I have my own oil I bot of Walter. I am at a loss to decide what to do with myself today. I should go to Calvin's after my whetrock, I want it while I live. Clinton will go to saving hay today. I think his hay is not good.

July 28. I am folding up papers. I will take them to the school house and put them in a box. I'll get a little girl to distribute them if I can. I'll give her a dress pattern for four times. (29) I was at Center Hill, small audience. I distributed a good amount of papers. West was not there and George Ross led in singing. (30) Jane and I in very poor health. We do not expect to live long. Indeed, we feel that we are nearly through this life. We do not know whether there be another or not. I suggest we may find another like this or better. With a little improvement this Earth may be a very good Heaven. (31) Little Eva was taken to the doctor at Honey Grove, no bones broken, no joints out of place. (There was nothing to tell who was little Eva or why she had to be taken to the doctor.)

August 1. One o'clock a. m. I shall write to Lackey about George going to school to him. I wrote but have not yet shown it to him. Clint read it but made no answer. George says he is to be sent to Lookout to Mr. Clark's. It is a bad move I think. I have but little respect for that man. (2) I am in an unpleasant state of much meanness. Yesterday George Ross and I went to Paris together, Walter's horse and my buggy. I did not enjoy it much. (4) Jane was sick in the night and I gave her ginger and pills, she is much better this morning. I would be glad she would agree to go to Elba's today or tomorrow but she says she is afraid to get in the buggy. (5) Raining a little now. Clint ought to be preparing a patch for turnips, they should be sown in 5 days.

August 7. Raining. Clinton went to the river, took 2 or 3 hands to be gone a week, turnips will be forgotten I fear. If so, loss . . . I bought a paper of Roota Baga Turnip seed and sowed in the orchard of little trees. I hope they sprout and do well. (8) I should go to Calvin's for my bridle. Walter came home sober. Brought a lamp and chimney and shade all for 60 cts, cheap enough. (9) I am writing at 1 o'clock this morning. Old Wash is here. Betty got 30 cents for a melon. I would be glad to know how to have as good a pen as this every time.

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Summer 1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Past 84 Years Old, He Felt He Was Going Out Of Notice, Laid On The Shelf

Geo. Ruth. Sept 1 Cen. Ex.

Judge Rutherford's diary in the summer of 1883 noted mostly ordinary family matters, the state of the weather and the temperature. Occasionally there was an unusual incident such as, August 13 he wrote. Raining lightly. I have lost my two little pocketbooks. They were both in one old domestic dress pocket, had 39 or 40 dollars. I think I laid the pocket on my writing table, I'm in trouble...I found the lost pocketbooks in my pants in my little trunk, glad, I was about as miserable as I ever was. I am near worn out.

August 15. The north road was fixed yesterday...The children signed the temperance pledge. The old man and Dan stood aloof. I think I'll make the father feel yet unless his soul is inferior to that of a savage or a bruite. I said to Carey Geron that I didn't know whether he was a Drunkard or not, but that he could not help but know that Drunkenness was a great evil. He made me no answer. (16) I sowed a paper of turnip seed. Have sowed 4 papers of the seed, all in the corn and apple trees.

August 18. Frank and Clint traded beef cattle to McBride yesterday. I do not know what was done about the cattle. I am more inclined to withdraw than I have been. I am going out of notice rapidly. I must stand back a little more, I am laid on the shelf. I went to Walter's and bot 2 yds of thin domestic for hand towel, gave one dime for it, very cheap I think and does very well. I think I'll get 2 yds more it does extremely well for towels.

August 19. I shall be apt to go to Sunday school. It is to me a very poor thing, but the name is perhaps worth something. I had a special talk with Clinton last night about his son George. We agree the boy will not be apt to ask to go to school for months. If so, the father will not be apt to send him. (23) George Ross is gone to the river. He will be called on to read Sunday. I have written a notice to be read at Center Hill at 6 PM next Sunday by a new hand. I intend that George fill the time. I must tell him. (25) I am at a loss to know what I shall do with myself for tomorrow. I guess I had better be rather mild or modest and not in the way. (26) Jane and I went to Frank's yesterday and stayed all night. I came back to Clinton's before dinner. Clint and Bettie at dinner said nothing. Pen and ink all lost. I told George I'd pay him in cash if he would find them soon. I am suspicious—he found them, I handed him 25 cts.

August 27. Clint, Little George and George Ross went to Paris yesterday and did not get back last night. Wash is here keeping things in order. (28) Jane bought 2 pillows from Tip. I handed her four dollars for them and making a dress for Jane I bought at Walter's yesterday for 80 cts.

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Aug 1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Worried About Disagreement of His Daughter And Her Husband and Other Things

About the middle of August, 1883, Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary that his daughter, Amanda Stevens, who lived in Collin county, was at home on a visit, and later entries indicated that something was in the air that he did not understand. His entry of August 29 explained it. He wrote, Last night was the first time I heard of Amanda and Hugh Stevens splitting the blanket. Jane tolu me. (30) I failed to sleep well this morning. I was thinking about Hugh and Amanda. I feel he is deranged. I would not be in his fix for a Golden Texas. Now I'll speak of Jane, she is making up her bed. I notice she is not coughing any the last few days. (31) I have slept well but feel in trouble about my daughter. Jane has started over to Frank's to talk about Amanda. Of all the catastrophes I ever knew that of H R S and his wife and Tom P and his wife was the most uncalled for and perhaps the most unlooked for. There is craziness in the case sure. Jane and I went to Calvin's and Jane brought her new calico dress home from Tip's.

Sept. 1, 1883, E M 283. I have no plans today. (2) The black cook left yesterday, Bettie is getting breakfast. I feel very undecided about being at Sunday school today. I feel that it would fill to contribute to my happiness. But the music books ought to be taken. I went to the school house took the books, had good singing. I was not pleased with my treatment, some no doubt are afraid that I might gain too much influence and hurt Orthodoxy. (3) Clinton started to Hugh Stevens' yesterday. He said he would be back Tuesday. I cautioned him to watch about getting hurt.

Sept. 4. Very smoky, strange gloom for two days past. Very hard to account for. Jane is up and pretty pert. I doubt the use of "Pert" in this case. Clinton got home from Hugh's. He said Hugh said, 'Tell your father wait a little while for the money I owe him.' I think I ought to go to seem him and try to get 2 or 300 Dollars at present lest I get none. We don't know his future, it is uncertain. (5) The sun shines thro a gloomy atmosphere. I reckon it is Indian summer. I spilt my ink yesterday. I think I should go to Walter's and buy two stands at least. Jane would go to Franks', and I had to go. Frank was fixing his new machinery. He is looking for a machinist to put it in order for work at the gin.

Sept. 6. I dreamed this morning as I was waking that I was instructing my folks not to let the air be injured by too many persons being in the room when I am dying, strange dream, how strange. (6) Very hazy. I think I shall go to Frank's today and see Bassaro fix the machinery at the gin. I may go see Hutchins and Cates pick cotton. I hope they are getting along very well. The cotton is beautiful. They ought to push the work this dry time.

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Sept. 1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Moved From Clinton's to Frank's and Thought Might Be Their Last Move In Life

Sept. 9, 1883, Judge Rutherford's diary said, The Teachers association met at Center Hill yesterday. I think I'll take this book to the school house and read something from it, perhaps my letter to the Fox Sisters or my Epitaph. (10) Very cool indeed. All hands got up late this morning. It is mortifying to any well regulated mind to see it. I can't tell my feelings. In regard to the history of yesterday, at Center Hill. I'll just say it was flattering. Walter and several others signed the pledge. The day school opens today.

Sept. 11. I was at Frank's gin, saw them make the second bale. (12) Clint at the river, Old man Ross nursing the babies while Betty cooks breakfast. Jane trembling and I am very chilly, I must go to the stove. (13) Jane up, combing her hair, lost her little comb, that is her luck. They say Lackey had 25 students on the first day of school, that is better than looked for.

Sept. 14. I bought a washboard yesterday, gave a quarter. I intend going to the school this evening. (15) I must pick peas today. Fine rain at 12 o'clock, don't suppose it will do cotton any good. (16) I shall go to Center Hill today but I look for but little delight. I was at the Sunday school, pretty good audience but no interest. I reckon I had better pick the balance of the peas today. (19) Clint went to Dodd City yesterday. I finished the peas. (20) Lewis Ross here. I was at Frank's gin, it is doing big work. Frank marked 42 bales while I was there.

Sept. 22. Very cool I failed to go with Walter to Honey Grove. I told him to buy a lamp and perhaps a striking clock at five dollars. Jane is knitting. I am writing in good health. (24) I paid $6 for a spring clock to Walter Leverett. (25) This is a day long to remembered. Jane and I and our goods were hauled over to our son Frank's from Clint's. We think it probable that it is the last move in our lives. The next may be to the grave. Yes this 25th September will be remembered. I can never tell all I feel nor should I. To err is human to forgive is divine. Amen, Amen.

Sept. 26. I think I'll go to Clint's and hunt my peas. Jane seems improved in health since we moved. I hope she improves in conduct. (27) Add Oates' baby is sick. Wish I could help Frank at the gin, hands at the gin too few, the gin is pushed. I got Snip to the buggy and went to Lookout, saw Jesse Herd and bought a dollar's worth of stamps and mailed a letter. (29) I am at a loss to know the best thing to do today. I ought to see to the apple trees. But I did not see to them. I fear they are not doing well. (30) I am in an unsettled state about going to Center Hill today. I didn't go, I was rather unwell. Glad I didn't go.

(Continued Monday)

Oct. 1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Grandson Borrowed Dime to Buy Candy But Spent It For Cider

October, 1883, came and found Judge Rutherford in usual health. The first day of the month he wrote in his diary, Fine dry time for cotton but rather bad about water. Frank has marked 100 bales at his gin. He will probably be out of wood today. (3) Mrs. Anna Matlock came here yesterday hunting a home for herself and her son, whose name is Jesse, perhaps 10 or 12 years old. I hope she may stay with Elba (Frank's wife, where he and Jane were then living) and suit her right well. This Anna has good intellect and I hope will make herself agreeable. Jesse ought to work, if he be what he bought to be he can help his mother along the way. I have written out a notice to the females over 5 and under 14 living in two miles of Center Hill that on certain conditions I will give each 13 yards of calico. They must meet me on the 21st at Center Hill.

October 4. I have written out advertisements for the reader to come and pay me now and save costs and I put one notice at Lookout. I bought peas and beans, sugar and envelopes. Got 25 papers printed. Little George went with me, borrowed, no, begged, a dime to buy candy but went and spent it for cider, so he said. That boy is a poor prospect, but I had better not—. (So he wrote no more.)

October 5. I forgot to make entry that day, I am so forgetful, I am old (This was written on the 6th and he continued) I heard someone say Frank would not run the gin today. (8) All well but little Jacky, he is little feverish, not serious. I am at a loss whether I'll write over my last proposal to the females . . . I think I wrote it over and put it in my vest pocket. I'll look now.

October 9. Very fine biscuit this morning, Anna did it. McGee got back, has rented a home. The gin did a good day's work. (10) Big rain last night and this morning, a fine chance of water in the pools. The hands all gone to the gin but no whistle yet that I have heard. (11) Jane is in very good condition. She says we will have to buy a bedstead as soon as we move into our house. She also says she likes a chimney better than a stove. Perhaps we'll have the chimney, I think it is much safer about house burning. The chimney costs the most at first, lasts the longest. Anna and her boy left today, well paid for themselves. I think the boy unpromising.

October 12. Jane helps Elba in the cooking. I ought to see some people who owe me money. I am uneasy about seeing my debtors. Some will move away. (13) I went to Lookout, Dowlin. I registered a letter to Massachusetts Organ Co. I bought the sheeting for Elba and Candy for little Jacky. (14) a man here who is old and conceited. I think this is Sunday. I think I'll not go to meeting (15) I think this pen is Ma. Daniels' . . . I don't know his name, another man is here, has been here two nights. I don't know his name either. He is about 45 years old. Indeed he and the first man are about the same age and both pretty good thinkers.

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Oct 1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Money Matters Worried and He Had Sudden Attack His Left Side

October, 1883, was half gone. Judge Rutherford was nearing his eighty-fifth birthday, and was worried about money matters. October 16 he wrote in his diary, Another hand hired at the gin but I don't know his name. I don't know what to do about seeing my friends who owe me. Had I not better put the notes in the hands of my sons and let them collect them and use the money than for them not to be collected. I think I had, yes I'm sure I had. But they have not time to collect them either, so it is a bad chance anyhow. I went to Brookston this day, bought a box of knitting threat, chloroform from Dr. Campbell.

October 17 Very cloudy, very. Well, I don't know what to say next. Everybody is well as usual. (19) Great rain last night. I left home at Frank's yesterday after dinner, went to Walter's, then to Lookout. Clinton was there waiting for train to Dodd City to see Amanda. I had got into a distressing condition of body. My left side had become diseased, I did not go into the storehouse. I went to Mose Glasscock' still worse. He told me he would bring me some money in a few weeks. Bill, I don't think of his name, brot me in a wagon to Walter's store, indeed to Clinton's. That was a great favor for which I thanked him kindly. Then I got my horse and George Ross came with me to take care of me and brought me home, and here I am this Friday morning in common health. But yesterday was a sorrowful day to me. I would not see such another for many a dollar. Jane is up this morning.

October 20. All well but Dick, he has sore throat. I don't feel like writing this morning. (21) I had forgot it was Sunday. I am about to go to Clint's. Mr. Hutchins raised the house, Saturday October 20. Two men helped. A daughter was born to Frank and Elba, Monday, October 22, 1883, 4 a. m. (22) At Franks. Hutchins and a hand nailing on the wall of the little house. (23) Elba and the babe are doing well. It is the coldest morning yet. No one at work on the little house. Perhaps Hutchins has gone to Brookston for shingles and other lumber...Hutchins brought shingles and lathing. (25) 12:20 p. m. I forgot to make entry, all well as expected. Elba and baby well. (27) Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Austin at work on house, they are lathing the roof for shingles.

October 28. I think I'll not go to Center Hill today and perhaps never. 2 o'clock p. m., very cloudy, perhaps rain. I am at a loss to know what to write. (29) Frank went to Paris today early, to be on jury in court. Two wagons went with two bales of cotton. 30) Mr. Hutchins working on the little house. Mr. Austin helping him...Tomorrow will be the last day of October. (31) Frank brot 2 loads of brick and has taken one of the loads up the head of the farm to build a chimney up there.

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Feb. 1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Carpenter Helper Said His Church Made First November A Rest Day

November, 1883, came in clear and cool, according to Judge Rutherford's diary. He wrote, Nov. 1. The gin running. I met with Hugh Austin out on the farm trying to do his duty by doing nothing. But he was very busy noticing all the different crops. He tried to tell me why he was not at work. He said, The first day of November was Rest Day with his church, which was the Catholic. I asked him if it was based on the Bible. He did not know. I told him he would change that notion before many years.

Nov. 2. I forgot till dark, then wrote this one line, couldn't find anything to say. (3) Frank in the gin at work like a man. Weather fine for taking in corn and cotton, I hope much will be. (4) Buck Bowen came here from Sulphur Springs. He is improved somewhat in his ways, He is yet single. I feel little inclined to be at Center Hill today to distribute. (5) I go to Walter's for coal oil &c. (6) I went to Walter's but he had gone to Honey Grove. Mose told me to come over today and he would try to settle to my notion. I'll go, I think he ought to pay about 80 dollars.

Nov. 7. At Franks. Buck is here. I handed Black Ike $1. I took out $20 in gold intending to give it to Buck. I handed it to him and he received it in a very pleasing manner. I think well of Buck. I hope he will be a useful man to himself and the world. (8) Buck stayed at Calvin's. He was with me at Lookout. (11) I made a trip to John Cheatham's. John Austin went with me. John Cheatham was very glad to see me and promised to be sure and visit me and Jane in a few weeks if he lived. I think John Austin is a respectable Infidel or Liberal, he was once a Catholic, the Logan is about nothing at all in religion.

Nov. 13. I must go to Walter's for sugar. I want to see Clint about going to Stevens at Dodd City. If he gets the money I wish Amanda to have at least $300 of it and give her a note for it at 12 mos with 10 percent interest. (15) The coldest this fall. No ice yet. H. and A. at work on the house. I shall not send for any brick this time, I think we can sleep in the old house. (15) The roof finished today. (16) Ice this time. Hutchins and Austin came in and warmed at the office fire. (17) I found Echols note this morning, $145, put a credit of One Hundred dollars on it. It had been in my pocketbook. I have to go to Walter's and pay him $20.

Nov. 18. I shall not go to Center Hill today. I am well but I think this winter will be apt to finish my earthly career. I wish I may have a life beyond the grave and a reward just in proportion to my good and bad deeds or works.

(Continued Thursday)

1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

His Little House Finished Except The Chimney And He Paid Builder

Judge Rutherford was having built for himself and wife what he called a little house, so that they would not have to live with one of their married sons. He watched its progress with a deal of interest. November 19, 1883, he wrote, at Franks, all well, ate good beef hash. Zack is here to work at the gin. I went to see Frank's little apple trees. Danl was fixing them against rabbits but very low I think. The cotton stalks should be cut down with a hoe, then hauled in a wagon and thrown near each tree, about 4 stalks, then cut with pocked knife and stuck in the ground and tied at top. (20) Danl and Ike went to Paris this morning after brick. I think they cannot get back today. They'll stay between here and Paris and pay their bill, there is no friends for them to sponge on....But they did get home after dark with two loads 400 each.

Nov. 21. Thundering, will likely be rain soon. This day William and Mattie Plemons' baby died and the coffin was made at my little house. It will be buried today. (22) The doors finished in my house. The carpenter will finish today and give up. I'll not guess what I owe him in ready cash, but enough. I am in common health, only my heel is very sore like stone bruise. It is very singular, I have not hurt it that I know.

Nov. 23. Mr. Hutchins finished my house yesterday at 12. I have left word with the children for him to come here today for settlement. I look for him....Mr. Hutchins came and I paid one hundred and 92 dollars for the little house and 30 cents. (24) I didn't make an entry but Frank and Danl went to Paris for brick. They got back at 10 with one load of brick and one of lumber. (25) Frank and family gone to Old Billy's. Mr. Moore the renter at the Mitchell house here to see Frank about his crib. Jane is doing up dishes at the table. My heel is very sore this morning.

Nov. 26 My heel is sore. (27) Ice in bucket. Gin runs today. My heel is sore. I fear it may be very troublesome. I cannot walk much. I wish my mares Blaze and Jenny Lind divided, Clint to have Jenny and Frank to have Blaze....After dinner, I ate very hearty of fried onions and milk. 'tis about 1 now. This is a gold pen sent me from New York. I hope this pen may get better after I use it a while. (28) It is now about 12 o'clock. My heel is much better. I ought to hunt McGee's notes, there are two of them though they are small. (29) Jane worse than usual, pains in the back, she can't get up. She sent to Calvin's and got some chloroform. It helped her quickly. (30) Fine day, last day in autumn. Winter comes next. The gin is running, has made 260 or 270 bales.

(Continued Friday)

1883

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

He and Wife Occupy New House And Expect to End Lives In It

December, 1883, came and the judge's house lacked only the chimney of being completed. Dec. 1 he wrote, Danl gone to Paris for brick and sand with a wagon. I send letter to office to Worth Mfg Co. for Marrying Book, I send 50 cts. I must go to mill today (3) Two wagons to Paris for lime and sand &c. Peregee begins my chimney today. He will finish it this week I think. (4) The wagons that went for lime and sand got back before dark. Mr. is early at the chimney. He may finish it today. Hugh Austin is waiting on him. Gin running.

Dec. 5. The chimney is very near done, raining on it. Frank is gone to it to fix for the workmen. (6) Great rain last night I went to Brookston, got my dictionaries, Betty went. (7) King is here feeling a little agueish. Mr. Hartegee (he changed the name) finished the Wilson chimney. He charges 50 cts foot (8) Mr. Hartegee says goodbye and leaves us. (9) Three girls here Miss Cates, Miss McGee. Mr. Austin stopped in, he goes tomorrow. (10) Mr. Levi Tabor and Mr. McGee move today.

Dec. 11 Albert Rhees tells me that he is not here to live. Mr. Daniel and Mr. King are securing apple trees from rabbits. I have written Mr. Daniel Keethly's name on a new book which I intend to present him as a token of respect. (16) Jane did not sleep any she says. I gave her a pill, will give her one of Terry's if she gets no better. (17) I made no entry. I write this 18 Jane a little better. I got Golden Seal at Clinton's. It helped her. I must go see Walter at the store and try for the cloak at $6. Jane will swap with Elba.

Dec. 19. Jane and I are sitting in our little house for the first time. Our health is similar. We both have disentary. Our expectation is that we shall Die in the little house. We shall move next to the grave, we feel certain but know not.

December 20 the diary said, I write in the little house this morning. I have been to breakfast but Jane is yet in bed and asleep I think. She slept none the night before. I must go today and pay Walter for Jane's coat. I have paid $4.25 for the 34 lbs sugar and now owe $7 for Jane's coat. (2) I have fixed a good many things this morning. I have a place for almost everything. I am very well convinced that the happiest way to live is to keep everything in its place, I'll try to pursue that practice. I am anxious to go to Brookston today or tomorrow for my Organette.

Dec. 22. Drizzling rain. I am shelling corn I must go to mill today . . . I didnt go to mill . . . the mill didnt run. (23) Buck Bowen came here yesterday evening. He will stay a while. I hope to get him into selling musical instruments. Jane is in fine condition, she is fixing up her house. Buck is a little slow saying what he wishes to do.

(Two pages are missing from the diary here, the next entry being in January, 1884. It reads)

Jan. 10. I have written out a paper for Calvin to sign about his returning my mares to me. He has agreed to return them in the spring with their colts at a fair price at a week old money in hand, if I tender cash (11) Clear but very cold. Milling must be done tomorrow sure (12) Frank and Danl went to Brookston with two wagons of cotton bales. Buck is fixing up fence gaps. I put up a book shelf.

(Continued Sunday)

Jan. 1884

His birthday Jan. 31 - 85 yrs. old.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Anticipates Eighty-Fifth Birthday and Mentally Reviews His Past Life

January 12, 1884, the diary said, I sent a letter to E. G. Rideout for a safety lamp for Elba and music for Little Dott and Lord's Prayer and five dollars gold. Jane's memory gets worse. (19) Danl Keethly left here on 15th Jany. His wife came. (20) At Frank's all at table Jane helping Elba clear up. It seems that I am at a loss of knowing what to write. I know that I have not the mental capacity that I have had, but I hope it will be vastly enlarged in the Spirit World. I acknowledge that I cannot fully prove that there is such a world but I hope for it and look for it.

Jan. 21. Frank gone to Paris with wagon. I sent $20 for paint and 4 chairs and brush. My granddaughter meddled with the ink and scribbled over the last line. (22) Frank brought white lead and oil and brush. (23) I should go to the store for backing for my buggy, bagging or coarse stuff (24) Coldest morning this year. Jane got breakfast without her cane. Raized a brick and the shovel over my head.

Jan. 25. This is a fine cold morning. I have no thermometer here. Jane had a bad spell this morning of cramp in her foot but is well now. My birthday will be here next Thursday, then I shall be 85. I feel that I have been in this mode of existence a long time to have done no more [illegible] than I have done. And since [illegible] better I am [illegible] I have been [illegible] anxious to be doing good to the world. I feel a great amount of peace in reviewing my past life. My creed is, (Every tub should stand on its own bottom.)

Jan. 28. I wrote a deed to 200 acres of land to M. B. Bowen yesterday. He will go after a Notary Public. I went to see Clinton. He didn't like for his mother to sell Bowen 100 acres of bottom land so I concluded to write a new deed for 160 acres on the south end, on upland entirely

February 1, 1884, Friday, fine warm time. Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary, and continued, I made no entry on January 31 (It was his 85th birthday.) (2) I am up at 5.20. I go to Brookston for four musical instruments. (3) Yesterday was an uncommon day for me in this, that I was in Brookston and at Dowlen both. Buck and I went in the buggy with Hawk. I wish to go to Pleasant Hill today . . I did not go but stayed at home all day. (5) Mr. Austin borrowed $7 silver for a few days only.

Feb. 6. Frank, Buck and Cole setting around the fire waiting for Bob while thousands of wood waiting to be chopped for both fireplace and cook stove. (7) Drizzling rain, I put on my new shoes again when dry weather comes. They have lasted a long time, longer perhaps than any I ever wore. I think I'll go to Center Hill tomorrow and see the school.

(Continued Monday)

Feb. 1884

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Reaches Fifty-Seventh Wedding Anniversary And Will Get Cotton Cloth For Shroud

Weather and financial transactions were the principal items of Judge Rutherford's diary during February, 1884, soon after he had passed his eighty-fifth birthday. Feb. 8 he wrote that he must do something about getting money (he loaned money and some of the debtors were slow pay) and added that he had given his daughter-in-law, Elba, Eleven dollars for her father, Billy Kuykendall. Next day, the 9th, he said, Lewis Guthrie was here and says that his father will bring me some money next Monday if the weather admits. I hope he brings it. (10) I shall not go to church today, I think about going to Center Hill when warm weather comes.

Feb. 11. Mr. Guthrie paid me $20. Rain, dreadful time on stock, so much rain. (12) Little sleet, too cold to do much. I must stay in the house. (14) Valentine's day. This day 1827 was my marriage day. (Then he subtracted the dates, showing he had been married 57 years). Jane and Buck and I here by the fire, in common health, talking about Jane's sisters, Elizabeth and Nancy, their singing and dying. (17) I was at home all day. Buck went to mill and got meal. Breakfast very early, by lamplight.

Feb. 18. I am of the opinion I shall try to operate on Sundays at Center Hill. I now think of trying spelling by heart. The rule only two (2) shall spell at a word, then the leader will spell it for all the class and they will all repeat the spelling at the same time. Then all that spelled will be considered to be elected on their own good behavior, both male and female. All the congregation will be voters who wish to vote.

Feb. 19. Jane walks to breakfast. I think I shall go to the store today to get some pins and some bleached domestic for my shroud. (20) I want to go to Brookston today in buggy, I have goods at postoffice. Jane is making up beds very pretty, she is improving smartly. (21) Jane helped get breakfast. I go to Brookston . . . I went to Brookston, got my music but have not opened it yet. I go to eat. (22) Washington's birthday, we are well as usual. I must go to Walter's store today to get shroud. Hugh Austin handed me $4 today.

Feb. 23. I made no entry today till near 3 p. m. then with new gold pen. (24) Frank gone to Paris with beef for Mr. Baker. Fine nice day. Elba and Buck going to Old Billy's. I'll stay here with Jane, and read the Morning and Day of Reform and the Dawning Light, by W. Dickerson.

(Several pages of the diary are gone at this date and the next entry is late in March, and covers his thoughts on whether he was doing good or harm on trying to train the children at Center Hill.

(Continued Tuesday)

March 1884

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Discusses Problem of Helping Children At Center Hill and Buys Deafness Remedy

Judge Rutherford's diary for the last week of February and near all of March, 1884, is missing. March 23 he wrote. I am at a great loss to know whether or not I should attempt to train the children any longer. Would I do more good than harm? That is the question. Have I or not become a little offensive in my personal appearance and manners? Well, I wish the children well and would benefit them. I fear to attempt to control them under the surroundings.

March 24. I lost sleep last night studying about what I could do of benefit for the children of Center Hill in the way of improvement. Hail fell in the night. It is a very wet time, and bad about planting. (25) I feel well as common but must not walk much. I titd Jenny Lind by the foot and left her that way all night. (26) My mare had wound her rope up very badly but she stood very still and gentle until I untied her. She eats well. I must try to get a curry comb and use on her soon as I can.

March 28. I have been to Hutchings this morning, got papers, I ought to go to the store for a curry comb. This is not a good pen. March 31. I tm up before day. Have a good fire, no one else here. The month of March has at last retired. It left between two suns, that is, sunrise and shnset, aboht six hodrs ago. (This was apparently written April 1). That month of March will never come again but another will come and thousands now living will not see it. I know it is very uncertain with me. I am drawing on the Gay Month of April, sometimes called Fools day.

April 1. Too late breakfast, it looks bad. I must take Jenny Lind down to grass at the branch and stake her by the foot . . . I started and lost my rope and hunted for it but could not find it. (2) Jane and up and ready for breakfast but it is not ready. (7) Cold northeast wind. Jenny Lndi worked well in the buggy yesterday. All well as usual but rather too late with breakfast. (8 A very beautiful morning, rather cool. I had to go to ask what day of the week this is. My memory is very poor indeed.

April 10. How time seems to fly, I'm going soon. I ought to send postage stamps to D. C. Thompson, N. Y. I hope the Brahmo Yan will do my deafness some good. (He attaihed to the diary a circular telling of the marvelous cures of deafness made by Brahmo Yan, price $2.) Cold east wind. (12) I think I'll go to the store today and see if Clinton has Blaze. I must get a stake rope for Jenny Lind, she is a trouble to me. (15) Big rain yesterday. Cotton cannot be planted for four or five days, the ground is so wet. I put Jenny Lind in the buggy today and rode to the store, bought nothing. Got home safe. I had gone to Lookout in the morning with Hutchins and mailed letter to Thompson for Brahmo Yan.

(Continued Wednesday)

April 1884

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1939.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Jane Hid His Diary (He Believed) And Too Much Rain Worried Everybody

The diary at this time indicates that the judge and his wife were living with their son Frank instead of in the little house he had built for himself. April 16, 1884, he wrote, I got up too late. They had eaten breakfast before I washed and all went off to fixing fence before I finished and left the table. Frank is smart. (17) Frank has gone to making fence on pasture near Wards. (19) They say yesterday was Friday, if so this is Saturday 19. Great rain. Frank and boys making fence. Driving posts in the rain. Boys cut wood for 60 cts. I paid the boys part, 25 cts, I owe 35 cts. I drove Cate's little bay horse in the buggy. I hope the fruit is not killed.

April 20. Cate's little bay horse works well in the buggy. I think I'll have to take him to drive to Sunday school at 3 PM. I'll pay 25 cents and ten years of corn per day. Mister Austin is in my room reading in my horse book. Frank is reading a newspaper. (21) I look for more rain today. Clinton and family went to see John Ross' little dead baby Saturday. Breakfast is ready now. (22) I fear fruit is hurt but I have some hopes. Mr. Hutchins and brother put up our shelves. I am well pleased with their work.

April 24. I ought to go to the school house today to read my proposal to the children . . . I went to the store but didn't go to the school house. I dreaded it too bad. (27) This ink is made of capsules (it was pale green) for which I sent to New York. I reckon I have enough to do my lifetime. Nothing else but rainwater and it is made in a minute very easy. I am writing this to see how the ink and pen is.

April 28. Great lightning, a sorrel mare was killed. Jane no doubt is losing her mind, her memory. She hid my diary today and then denied it and called me a bad name. I'll not write it. (29) Drizzling, dark prospect ahead of us.

May 1. Raining. Dreadfulest time I ever saw for rain. All hands are out of heart. The cows are lowing. There is no chance to milk because of the rain. (3) Dreadful night of rain. Awful freshet in the branch. Cate (the Negro servant) had to stay here all night. I bought a curry comb.

May 4. Sun shines, but too muddy and bridges broke for me to go to Clinkscales' singing. Mr. Fisk was here taking orders for pictures, he is an intelligent man and will come here again to deliver the pictures. Jane washed this morning before I did, she is better. My little clock has quit striking, I am very sorry.

(The diary's next several leaves are torn and only part of the entries for the remainder of May and part of June are available.)

(Continued Thursday)

May & June 1884

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Had Talk With Visitor About Proper Rearing Of Children And Agreed With Him

Judge Rutherford's diary for May and June, 1884, is tattered and only parts of it remain and are readable. May 11 he wrote. Fine time, all well as usual. Albert here doing no good as far as I can see. I went to Sunday school, got in late, addressed the audience, distributed tracts, poor case. I left an appointment for next Sunday at 2 PM.

May 13. Frank went to Paris yesterday, not home yet. Buck absent all night. I don't know where Elba and her children are, they are not at home...Yes they are. Buck and Albert stayed last night with Elba and the children. (14) Big rain last night. Frank brought home a big load of barbed wire. An officer from the Nation came yesterday and summoned Ben, colored, to go to court at Fort Smith. Ben will start to Fort Smith today. I don't know if he intends to come back to this country. I wish he would come back.

May 17. Sunshine but no good prospect for good dry plowing time. People in low feelings about their crops. I think I ought to write a frindly social letter to my lonesome daughter, Amanda Stevens. I might afford her some comfort in her lonesome condition. No man could act more unkindly than her husband has done. If she loves him she is a miserable woman today. I hope she does not. (18) I have to go to Center Hill today to read Temperance.

May 28. Roads too bad to go today to Dowlen. I have two letters I want to mail...I sent them by Zack and 50 cts for postal cards but I got no mail. I am agitated about teaching the darkies at Center Hill on Sundays. (30) William Shook here in good health. In a conversation with him about the early training of children I was well pleased with what he said was his practice with his own. He would not send a young child to school to an imprudent teacher. He holds that politeness should prevail at home to secure it abroad, that the mother makes the child what it is. For my part, I know it so.

May 31. William Shook left yesterday. I rose early today, and I must go to mill today. I am at a loss about the gate up by Reynolds.

June 1. Raining. I think I shall fail to go to Sunday school today...I didn't go, stayed at home all day. Dreadful time from rain. Weeds! Weeds! (June 2 he wrote with a reddish-brown ink that he said he made from ink capsules with rain water and he thought it was not so satisfactory as the ink he had been using, also made from capsules) He added, Breakfast is late this morning. Cate is not here yet I guess. (6) Nice bright warm time. Frank got back from Paris with load of wire. I hav note seen Jenny Lind. I think I should go salt her today, as I fear she will get wild. I go to breakfast, the clock strikes 6.

June 8. Bright weather, I hope for some dry time for hoeing corn. All lie late, breakfast late also, of course.

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May & June 1884

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Told Briefly Of Wind Storm and Doubted Seeing Another Independence Day

June 10, 1884, the diary said, Bright morning, Frank and Buck plowing. I finished a big letter to Jacob Gregg (Gregg was author of a system of shorthand, which Judge Rutherford wrote and which he called Phonography). The house flies are bad. (11) Mr. Lowman slept here 1 st night. He hunts for hands to work for him. He wishes to be cotton weigher at Paris. He is a Methodist man. My left hand is dreadfully swelled this morning. I fear it will be bad.

June 14. Very fine day indeed. Frank will not work today and he ought to (It was a Saturday). June 15. Great storm at 5 p. m. yesterday, blew down three trees, stove chimney is down, cottonseed pen down. (18) We look for Amanda today. Milton has started to Dowlen to meet her. (19) Amanda is here in the little house. She does not seem to be in deep trouble about her husband She thinks he is sick in California. I give her my opinion.

June 22 Jane and I took Dr. Dennis' medicine today. Amanda went to Calvin's last evening. She is very unhappy. I sent one small veal to Widow Hudlin gratis, she is sick. (23) Amanda seems to be quick doing Jane's work. She wants to be useful. (25) Amanda went home yesterday. I wish I could hear from the sick woman. I have not seen Jenny Lind in two months, but I suppose she is in the gin pasture. I reckon Frank sees her.

July 1. Frank and family gone to Red river to barbecue. The white filly broke loose and ran off. Cate took my bridle and went after her. I must pay Cate 50 cents . . . I paid her. (4) Boys plowing. I am uneasy about my letters not getting to the P. O. I must curtail my writing business. I'm too old at last. This is Independence day. Very doubtful about me ever seeing another. I shall likely call it to mind in the next life. I will hope I shall.

July 6. I don't feel much inclined to go to Center Hill today. I could not do much good. Milton was here with Buck Bowen last night, they suit. (7) I feel very old this morning. I am not willing to die today. I have no fear of being punished in the next world more than I shall judge is right and just. I shall always be my own judge. When I shall have suffered as much and as long as I judge is right, I shall suffer no longer unless I sin. I judge I shall always be capable of sinning and so may always deserve punishment. I wrote that sentiment to Brother Akers.

July 9. Fine morning, late getting breakfast; Jane had cramp. I want to go to Dowlen to buy stamps. I ought to buy more when I go. I use so many for sending off. (10). I nailed up my old buggy today. I have been to my breakfast; eat well, so did Jane; good coffee.

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BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Attends Candidates' Speaking and Suggests Three Lawyers Sign Temperance Pledge

Some loose leaves of Judge Rutherford's diary, forming a part of the missing years from late 1879 to early 1882, have been found and have some entries of real interest. July 29, 1882, he wrote: There is speaking at Tigertown today, I think I'll go (It was the candidates for Democratic nomination to county offices). July 30 he wrote: Very cloudy, drizzling rain, there is much dread felt about the rain injuring the cotton. Indeed the cotton is badly hurt already, it is too tall . . . I think I ought to tell something about the picnic yesterday at Tigertown. The most surprising thing was the vast number of watermelons, the next the mammoth size of them. Next the civil friendly good order that prevailed during the day. I did not hear an oath in the vast assembly nor see an intoxicated person.

The three young men wishing to be State's Attorney commanded the attention of the people very finely. I have a very warm side for all three of them. Indeed I am at a great loss to take choice. There is a bright future for each of them—Ownby, Clark and Ryan. If they will sign the Temperance pledge and keep it forty years it may be worth a million to them, counting both pocket and conscience. A temperance pledge can be kept sacredly for fifty years, for the writer boasts that he has done it. It is truly said, "What has been done can be done again." The writer signed a Temperance pledge in 1832 in Franklin county, Tennessee state. That pledge is sacred and unprofaned today.

Again, I will record that altho I have been in Texas near 50 years I have never known so many occasions of real sociality in any one year as in this year of 1882. Our picnics have not been few and far between as has been said of Angels' visits. Not a scowling countenance ever seen, the glorious boon of friendship is enjoyed hugely. I'll venture to advert to one little incident of yesterday. As one of the young lawyers finished his speech a loud voice was heard near the stand from an Old Hearer, "A Young Ingersoll." I decline to speak the young lawyer's name. Each one may claim the honor if he can. (I am sure the voice was that of Judge Rutherford himself, as he was an admirer of Ingersoll who was noted for his oratorical grace and command of words and phrases. My guess is that he referred to Will Ownby, who was nominated later in the primary for county attorney).

The judge never lost interest in his plans for improving the children in reading and arithmetic. He wrote about this time: I think I'll take two books to Center Hill to be drawn for next Sunday. I want to learn the best manner of proceeding and I'll try a cheap book first lest I should get into an error.

— (Continued Tuesday)

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Intended Voting For Ownby For County Attorney But Changed Mind For Clark

Pursuing the subject of candidates speaking and the Democratic primary election in July, 1882, Judge Rutherford wrote:

July 31. All well, great signs for rain. I purpose going to Forest Hill today to hear candidates. I delight to hear Ownby. I wish to hear Davis. I think Mason had better decline the controversy.

August 1. Fine clear morning. I am very well for 83 years old. I went to Forest Hill yesterday. I saw many of my old friends. A good supply of candidates but some lost ground while others gained. Ryan lost, Ownby gained, Clark and Mason gained a little, Davis and Ridley about held their own. Pegues was there. I have no opinion about him or any others.

August 2. Very busy day, cutting peaches to dry. (He continued to cut peaches the next three days).

August 5. I am in very good health. I expect to go to Forest Hill today to the election. I don't know how I'll vote but I reckon I'll vote for Davis and Ownby . . . I voted for Davis and Clark and John Stephens. Ownby went ahead. (Judge James Davis was a candidate for the legislature and was elected in 1882. John Clark was a candidate for county attorney, as was Lewis Ryan, both being defeated by J. W. Ownby. John B. Stephens was a candidate for county commissioner and was elected).

Then Judge Rutherford reverted to something that he thought was a flaw in the road laws. He said: Now I feel like alluding to something which our legislature should take in hand. I mean working the public roads. Who can help seeing how very cruel and partial the law that requires a poor white man or Freedman to work as many days work on the road in one year as the man with one hundred thousand dollars property. Especially when we call to mind that the Rich man wears out more road in one week, hauling bales of cotton, hay, &c to market than the poor man does in ten or perhaps twenty years. If the ad valorem plan is just at all it is just the same clear through for revenue purposes.

One philosopher said, Time is Money, and so say I. It is a true and noble sentiment. Just think. A little bridge on a little branch was wrecked. Three hired men could have repaired it in two hours. The Overseer warned out his forty hands. They met and chaffered and laughed and tried to swap ponies until about forty good days' work was lost instead of three hours for three men. Such a policy would beggar a rich government continued long enough. Time is Money. The Book says, Deliver us from evil. I say, Deliver us from such partial and such wasteful laws.

Then he wrote, I was at preaching last night. Mr. Despain preached. He did very well indeed, proving that a person should be baptized that he may be pardoned. He did it up nice. I have covered up my cut peaches against the rain very well. Frank has gone to Paris with two wagons for a cotton press.

(Continued Wednesday)

His Philosophy of life.

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Grandpa, Honest Old Infidel, Sets Forth Some Details Of His Belief

On a page of one of his diaries, undated and apparently a copy of a letter written to the publisher of a Free Thought paper, Judge Rutherford set forth at some length what may be called his Creed or pholosophy of life. He said:

I am called Grandpa, the Honest Old Infidel. But I will say, the World is my home and to do good is my Religion. I never forget that Heaven must be taken with us when we go.

I'll get you subscribers if I can. I have three sons living in sight of my home. Take their names and try them. They will hear you when they would neglect to hear me. Viz. C. P., J. C. and N. F. Rutherford. I regard them as Freethinkers. We are a well disposed church going people, some of us as blind as a bat about progress. They have learned to say, The day of miracles has passed.

Now we must always remember that every man's way or creed is right in his own eyes and we should not condemn. We never read that Paul was sent to hell for hating the Christians. No doubt he suffered loss in mind for the act or deed. His regrets gave him both Heaven and hell, that is, both pleasure and pain. So I think Man's whole existence will be a mixture of pleasure and pain. A taste of the bitter makes the sweet sweeter. We regret our crimes from choice. We regret as a duty. Doing duty always gives peace of conscience.

We shall always be capable of doing wrong. When we get a proper idea of wrong we choose to regret it. The regret is hell but the recollection of it is Heaven. So there is no absolute Heaven and no absolute hell. Sometimes Heaven is in the ascendancy and sometimes hell is in the ascendancy. I think this is good enough here and will be good enough forever.

I guess all the planets are inhabited by intellectual beings. Each planet will be the home proper for its denizens but they will possess great powers of locomotion and will visit any part of the Universe. I look for the denizens of Jupiter or any other planet to visit the Earth. I shall love to see them, I think. And the mode of travel. How it will be improved. Perhaps I shall be able to make a circle of the Earth in 24 hours. Electricity is quicker than that now.

Variety seems to be essential to man's happiness. He is born with the love of change. We don't know when the Earth was peopled, nor how. But perhaps it was the best plan at the time, but a better plan may now exist. Suppose a larger planet than any we know of should be discovered. Would we not wish to see its inhabitants? We may have the means in the Spirit world. Who will limit the powers of Nature or of God. The peopling of this world is wonderful but it is common and we do not think much about it. The day may come when the citizens of different planets may swap homes. Extravagant thought, but who will say it is impossible? Who knew how to cross the Atlantic before Columbus?

(Concluded Thursday)

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Settles With His Sons At Fifty Cents On the Dollar and Gets Taxes Reduced

Judge Rutherford's diary was apparently not handy all the time and in May, 1882, he wrote on the fly leaves of a little book on spiritualism the things that he would doubtless have put in his diary. This book belongs to his grandson, Lester Rutherford, who lives at Petty, and who has allowed me to use it.

May 9, 1882, he wrote, I am at Calvin's, a wonderful rainy time. Jane is as well as usual, I think I am rising in health a little. I have made satisfactory arrangements with the three boys (his sons) and have given up all the old notes by giving two for one—$800 for $400.

May 10. My little finger on my left hand was asleep when I got up yesterday morning and it is in the same fix yet. I fear it may never get well. I wish to go to the store at Center Hill and get a bucket and rope for the cistern at the school house. (13) Jane and I are in as good health as we were yesterday. I must go into the pasture and get Ginger (his horse).

May 15. I was at Center Hill yesterday. I gave Calvin's notes of $800 to him and he paid me $400. I gave the 50 per cent on $800 to each, but I don't expect to give them any more soon. (16) Clinton paid my tax of $14.90 after he had got it reduced from $48.50 down to $14.90, that was very lucky in him. (20) I was pretty unwell yesterday. Jane up knitting, she is improving. I wish to go to the debate tonight and to a sermon tomorrow by T. E.

May 21. Jane and I at Calvin's, we have eaten a hearty breakfast. (22) Jane and I imprvoing. She walks pretty well with her crutch and walking stick . . . An unpleasant scene in the room. The mother and son a very tight scuffle, she trying to whip him for whipping his little brother Lester. The event is to be regretted very much or I am wrong.

May 26. We are at Calvin's. He and his family left yesterday to go to Mr. Peggy's (Mrs. [illegible] Rutherford's father, who lived in Fannin county). Mr. Brown about dying, they say. Calvin will come back and leave his family there I think. Jane and I have eaten a very fine meal. Mrs. Perkins is cooking for us and does very well indeed. She is a very pleasant lady, all that her husband could wish.

May 27. Calvin and his children got home last night. Tip remained with her mother. (29) I have just read a fine piece describing making a hog trough. The use of it in Lamar county one year would be a benefit of thousands.

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I thought I had finished Judge Rutherford's diary, and in fact the real diary was concluded, but I have found some casual entries in the two books Lester Rutherford loaned me which are of interest, so there will be another installment or two of the record.

Long-Lost Relatives Are Sought Here

Both city and county officials periodically receive requests to locate lost relatives, but City Marshal W. A. Walters, received a request to locate relatives last heard from 55 years ago.

A letter from Mrs. Lorraine Atkinson of Cutler, California, requested information about her mother's relatives in this county. The letter revealed her mother, Myrtle May Kite, was born in Paris in either 1884 or 1883 to Mr. and Mrs. John Amos Kite.

Shortly after her birth Mrs. Kite died and her father moved away. Maiden name of Mrs. Kite was Martha Martin. The letter writer's mother was reared in Missouri but moved to California when 20 years old.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the above mentioned relatives should contact City Marshal Walters at the Paris police

Jan-1887

Buried Deputy

Deaths of Tots

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Husband And Wife Died Within Few Hours Of Each Other, Buried In One Grave

About two years before his death Judge Rutherford wrote in one of his diaries:

MY BURIAL

I hope that my clothing in which I die may be clean and nice. I wish no dressing of the dead body, just lifted into the coffin and a white linen spread over it. Let that be done in 10 or 15 minutes after the breath is gone. I wish to be buried near the Northeast corner of the Original Rutherford Survey. I wish a ten (10) feet lot enclosed with iron palings around the grave and a weeping willow set at the head.

I hope my coffin may not be opened at the grave. The reason I wish a coffin on hand, if I die by a cancer, which is a little likely, my body would be apt to smell. . . I do it to befriend my survivors who have to watch.

Judge Rutherford died January 2, 1887, just four weeks and a day before his 88th birthday. His wife, Jane Kennedy Rutherford, died January 1, 1887, six days after her 85th birthday.

Lester Rutherford, a grandson, tells me that the judge and his wife were in separate rooms in their last illness. Mrs. Rutherford died in the early night and though the judge was not told of it he was convinced that she was dead, despite the refusal of members of the family to tell him. He insisted that he knew Jane was dead and told them that when her coffin was sent for they should also send for his, as he would soon be gone.

A wagon had already been sent to Paris for Mrs. Rutherford's coffin, and another was sent to get his coffin when the judge died about six hours later. The two wagons, one coming to Paris, the other returning with Mrs. Rutherford's coffin, met on the road near Pine creek west of Paris. The two were buried in a double grave.

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An incident of which I heard soon after I came to Paris, told by a woman who had lived as a child in Honey Grove, was of a storm that occurred there more than ten years before. In one of Judge Rutherford's books he mentions this storm briefly. He said:

1866, May 19. I was at Honey Grove today and saw the effects of the late whirlwind. It was a sickening sight. Rudolph's, Mart Wilson's and Sloan's houses are blown down. Stapps, Mrs. Baker's and mine are unroofed. Perhaps 15 or 20 chimneys blown down. Some say 8 or 10 thousand dollars would be necessary to cover the damages. The dreadful tornado occurred at about 6 o'clock P M on Monday the 7th May, 1866. Its main track in Honey Grove was about 60 or 70 yards wide, from about south 25 degrees west to north 25 degrees east (The judge was a surveyor and used surveying terms).

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Abbreviation & Comment on the Diary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Real Human Document That Recorded Everyday Life Of Prominent Pioneer Citizen

When I began last October reproducing for this column parts of the diary of Judge John A. Rutherford, I said that I believed it would prove the most interesting story I had been able to offer in this column since its beginning, now near ten years ago. Now that it is finished, or at least all of it that remains in possession of his descendants, and I have heard the comments of various readers, I am convinced that I was correct in my forecast.

There was nothing sensational in the diary—that is what to my mind gave its charm and its worthiness to be reproduced. It was the simple every-day thoughts and actions of a man who was well along to and finally passed his eighty years of life—a man who had come to Texas against advice of his friends in old Tennessee and who had overcome difficulties of which we know nothing today, except by hearsay or tradition. None of that however was in the diary, or at best only brief references.

The judge's religious belief (or lack of it if you please) did not prevent him being a kindly open-handed man, interested in youth and its education, in the welfare of his fellow man, in his state and county. At the age he had reached when the available diary began, his ideas were of course somewhat out of tune with those of the younger generation. That is so today and always will be as long as the world rolls. He deplored what was to him late rising, of too much idleness, of lack of discipline for children and of decent respect by younger people for old age and its occasional foibles.

He had been a leader of men in Lamar county years before he wrote this part of his diary, though I do not know that he had written one earlier. (He was chosen by the Congress of the Texas Republic as the first chief justice of Lamar county when the county was created—that in itself showing what manner of man John A. Rutherford was, for men were not chosen to such positions in those days except they were worthy. After leaving the office he had devoted his time and energy to accumulating something to leave to his sons and daughters and this he did in a considerable degree.

So in the late afternoon and evening of his life we find him realizing that he is somewhat outmoded and this brings him sorrow rather than anger or rebellion. The diary is one of the most human of all word pictures I have ever seen and again I say that it is an invaluable document, the publication of which was a privilege I appreciate and this appreciation is shared by many others who read The Paris News.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1956

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JOHN MIDDLETON GOT HAIR CUT

Three Youngsters Couldn't Get Scissors So They Used Sheep Shears

For a time, more than fifty years ago, one of the most wanted and looked-for men in this section was John Middleton. He was in Jail in Paris in early 'eighties, charged with bringing stolen property into Texas, the property being horseflesh and usually good animals. He escaped from the jail one night, having feigned illness so that he was not in a cell, and later was suspected of having committed a murder, and if was this latter charge on which he was most sought.

Middleton had relatives living in the vicinity of Slate Shoals in the northeast corner of Lamar county, and before his horse stealing career he was not looked on as a bad man. T. F. Chance, who lives on Route 3 out of Detroit, has told me some recollections he has of John Middleton, who he knew in the early days, which threw some light on the man and his character. He says:

"It was in 1879 or 1880 that John Middleton, his half-brother Jack and my half-brother Henry House, asked my mother to lend them her scissors as they waited to cut each other's hair in a style that in those days they called 'pretty foxy.' Mother was afraid they might break the scissors and refused to let the boys have them, so Henry House went to the barn and got the sheep shears and with this instrument they proceeded to cut each other's hair. While one's hair was being cut he would bleat like a sheep, and during the process House cut the tip of one of Middleton's ears, the victim's only protest being, 'House, them shears are too sharp.'

"Soon after this Middleton and his half-brother Jap stole the first things they were ever known to have taken. In those days men had large saddle bags and from Tom Bates, of Walden, Ark., they stole and put in their bags a small plow, boots, shoes, pocket knives and garden seed. They were both drunk, and coming home stopped at our house and asked for mother. John said, 'Mrs. Chance, I've bought more garden seed than I need'. He gave her several packages and gave Henry House a pocket knife.

"Officers followed them toward home and one of their friends found this out and told John and Jap the law was after them. John saddled his horse and made for Indian Territory and Jap surrendered. The officers turned Jap loose and hunted for John but never found him.

"In the fall of 1884 John Middleton came to our house. We lived then in the Cherokee Nation. My half-sister and brother-in-law and Middleton were together. My brother-in-law had had a fight with a man, a fellow that Middleton disliked, so he said to my brother-in-law, 'If you want it I'll bring you his scalp by sunup or an hour by sun'. His offer was declined, my brother-in-law saying that if he had to have trouble with the fellow he'd wait on him himself. Middleton shaved, changed his clothes and left."

I have heretofore told of What John Milsap, ex-sheriff of Lamar county, believed was the end of Middleton by drowning in Poteau river, but Mr. Chance doubts the long-buried corpse Milsap saw was Middleton.

1869-1871

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 18, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Some Happenings In Fa[illegible] 1869 and Through 1871 Recorded Briefly

Another of Judge John A. Rutherford's diaries has been found and loaned to me by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davies, the latter a granddaughter of the judge. This one began in September, 1869, about seven years before the beginning of the diary which I have already published. It is a small leather-bound book, rather tattered through the years, but filled with Judge Rutherford's observations on his daily home life and that of the neighborhood. It runs through 1870 and 1871, with a few leaves missing. The judge was younger than when he wrote the other diary, and somewhat more active in his affairs.

Dated Monday Morning, Sept. 13, 1869, the first entry reads: Good rain last night. It was much needed. A great amount of cotton is dying with the rust. The corn is better than I ever saw it. No turnips scarcely. All our hogs have been kept up since last March. At first to keep them from the kuckleburs and after that to keep them from the field. Last Wednesday night and Thursday night was the Exhibition at Pirtle's. This morning is the first cold Autumn morning. We call it a norther. Four travelers are here all night. Frank has been hauling logs for Negro cabin three days. I predict that he is putting it at the wrong place, down by Cal's. I think he will lose much more than he will make. I say the Negroes will not do justice to the crop, they are too far from the field. Experience teaches a dear school, but fools will learn in no other. Thermometer 58. Shall I write this much every morning?

He did not write so much again and did not write every morning, the next entry being dated Sept. 29, reading:

The Fair at Paris. I took Jane (my wife) and Mat Shockley up to Ballard's Creek day before yesterday, came back yesterday. Brot sack salt, cost $6.50. Bot coat of Wash Underwood for $4.00. Frank brot wagon and barrel flour from Paris last night. He says that he got $170.00 in Specie and a wagon and harness for his two yellow horses. Clint started to the sawmill yesterday, fine clear weather.

Friday, 1st Oct. Great rain. Great disappointment at the Fair at Paris. Texalena and Newt Moore were there. Tues., Oct. 5. Jane got home from Ann Eliza's confinement. A son was born, Wednesday, Sept. 29th in good health. Oct. 5. Clint got from sawmill with 1,050 feet lumber. We are gathering corn this fine weather. The corn is fine indeed.

Thursday, 7th Oct. I have not seen frost. Ribbles are in their cotton betimes, they push.

Several leaves are lost from the book here, the next entry being Dec. 6th, 1869, reading: Maria came here to work six weeks for two pairs of shoes, if we like her, if not, send her home.

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1869-1871

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 19, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Some Happenings In Fall of 1869 and Through 1871 Recorded Briefly

Judge John Rutherford's diary in 1869 continues. Dated December 10, it reads: I begin this Diary with the hope that I shall have resolution to continue it thro this Winter at least. Clint is finishing the smokehouse roof. Frank is fixing a plow to plow in the raw prairie. Jane is quilting. Ribble is hauling rails, Bell and Abe making rails.

Sunday, Dec. 12. Temperature 40. All well. A hog drover here last night. Not much bad weather yet this winter. I hope it may be a mild winter. Hay will be too scarce with us. Dec. 21. Killed 13 hogs, 1950 pounds. Dec. 22. Temperature 16. Bronaugh, Dr. Brown and wife and baby here in east room. Dec. 23. Clint got $7.50 from travelers. Dec. 24. No one here. Frank hauled rock for Dick's house for chimney.

Dec. 25. Temperature 33. Christmas. Bronaugh here witn 55 pork hogs for Clarksville. No Christmas excitement about this place.

Dec. 28. This is Jane's birthday. She is 67 years old this day. She is at this moment in the room getting breakfast, in pretty good health and spirits. So am I—in good health. Clint went to Hugh's yesterday, Monday.

Dec. 30. Caperton and Reeves here last night. I was at Snowden's shop yesterday. Dec. 31. Deaf Mr. Bliss here all night. 125 horses here all night. Sold $10 worth of corn.

New Years Day, Bully for me. I have seen 71. Once an infant, now an old man. This is Saturday. Temperature 32. Clint is a little sick. I stocked a plow, brot up a cow and calf yesterday. Young Brigance here.

Sunday, Jan. 2. We are all well. Patton, Burrus and Gose here. Jan. 7. All well and at work. Dr. Guild here. He goes to Paris. Leaves Sherman. Jan. 10. Clint and Fran have gone to the timber. Jan. 12. Dowd here. Clint gone to Paris for Revenue Tax assessment. Great rain yesterday on Clint in the timber.

Jan. 13. Clint was at Paris yesterday. Bought iron, tools and seeds. Did not see Hocker. Got ink and quart of whisky to cure Dyspepsia. I fear for him.

Jan. 14. Rainy time. Temperature 40. Widow Storey here. She and her family are in worse fix than any family I have seen this Winter. She has five children. The 1st and 2nd are sons, the other 3 are daughters. A yoke of oxen is the team, and they can't go, too weak. We shall have a very fine opportunity to exhibit our kindness to the Widow and fatherless. Will we act the part of the Good Samaritan? We shall prove ourselves good Infidels and show the true Religion that James speaks of.

Jan. 15, 1870. Extremely cloudy or foggy. Temperature 50. Dr. Guild and wife and baby here moving to Paris. Widow Storey and five children. Poor woman. I went to mill at the Grove, took 6 sacks, 4 of them for the Negroes. Came home in the night, brot meal.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 20, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Reaches His Seventy-first Birthday, Works On Plow On Sunday Without Offending Anyone

January 16, 1870, Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary: Temperature 56. I am writing by candlelight. If it is not too bad today I think I ought to go to see Old Man Cheatham. He or myself or both will likely not stay here much longer. We are Old, Old, Old!

January 19. Temperature 27. No one here. Clear time. Clint is making a scraper for himself. Maria began to work here on Monday the 17th January, at $3.50 per month, say till cotton picking time. May lose a little time in corn planting if needed by her father. Jan. 20, Colder, temperature 32. Childers was brought up last night, her colt out yet. Jan. 21. Clint goes to Snowden's. I go to Cheatham's.

Jan. 22. Three persons here, Blair and Sivells, Mrs. S and footman Massagee. Jan. 23. Rain last night. Miss Josephine Johnson and her cousin Turner here. I had $6 work done at Cheatham's shop yesterday, $3.25 the day before. Jan. 24. No one here. Muddy ! ! ! I borrowed nails from Ribble, say three pounds. Frank goes to plowing at Niggerville, Clint makes hay and fodder rack. Aunt Jennie quilts. I make plank troughs. Maria spins wool.

Jan. 25. Clint didn't get his plow from Fuquay's shop, paid chain, 2 pair trace chains, file, rope, butts and screws etc. Paid back 3 lbs. nails to Mrs. Ribble. Jan. 26. I go to Honey Grove for plow. Jan. 27. Norther last evening, clear now. Brought Prairie plow from Fequay's shop, paid $5. Clint has done no plowing yet. I hope he will try his frame plow before long. I think it will do.

January 30. Temperature 40. All well, Jane and I get breakfast. The frame plow don't go but we'll fix it yet I think. 3 o'clock p. m. temperatures rise to 69. Weather breeder. I have been fixing Clint's plow a good part of the Sunday and that is no sin unless someone saw me whose happiness was thereby lessened. I don't think that anyone saw me at work today whose happiness was thereby diminished.

February 1st 1870. Began to break prairie yesterday. Yesterday was my birthday. I must give my religious feelings on that day as soon as I find time. Feb. 2. Fine work time. Tate is here on a lecturing tour. Feb. 3. Tate yet here, all well, only Clint complains. Feb. 5. Temperature 31. Snowing. No plowing today. Killed hogs yesterday. Feb. 6. A family here in the east room and 2 others.

Feb. 7. This day last week was my birthday. I have neglected to record my religious feelings, as I have heretofore done on my birthday, so I think I shall say something on the next page on that subject. I am 71 years old and 7 days this morning. I am in good health for a man of my age. Feb. 8. Plowed yesterday. Shall plow today I think. 3 peddlers here, Ferguson. This day week I was 71 years of age. I cant hope to live long. But I think I fear death as little as common people, perhaps less. I am satisfied that there is no consciousness of existence after the death of the body. I believe my best interest in this life is to be good. I am determined to be Good.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 24, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

McHam Brothers Interesting Young Men, Judge Rutherford Thought, When They Called On Him

Judge Rutherford [illegible] to make his usual reference [illegible] being All Fools Day, his diary for 1870 having as entry that day that they were all well and Clint had finished harrowing the new ground which they had plowed in the prairie. April 2. Clint goes to plant corn in the new ground. Planted 32 rows today in pretty fair order. April 3. Pretty day. 2 McHams were hunting a mule. They live below Paris. They are very interesting young men, lived in this country 21 years.

April 4. I went to John Hobbs' yesterday, saw Old Enos and Si. Jane is sick this morning with a cold and cough. April 5. Clint and I planted corn yesterday and the day before. We shall plant to day if no rain, we put it in good order for new ground, I think. April 6. Gibson, wife and baby here, also Cantrell with show bills for Whiting, and others. Clint planting corn in new ground, Jane is better.

April 7. Jane up and going to work in garden. Clint planted corn in heavy rain storm trying to get it done. He finished in a heavy shower so the corn is all planted now, I think in good order. A Tremendous Rain washing the fields dreadfully. Great injury to the farm, great indeed. April 8. Great rain, three men here. Clint was very sick last night but is better. April 9 Clint up, more rain. Two families in East room. 3 women and 9 children . . . Two brothers, Greer, here, hunting land. Cleared off.

April 10. Fine prospect for good weather. We fear the corn will rot in the ground, so wet. I went to Pecan Grove to preaching. Smith held forth. April 11. All well. 3 men here for dinner and all night, have a sick horse. Dowlen bot steers and Clint helped hunt them. Bad trade. Ribble took corn to Paris, Frank hauled load wood. April 12. Still too wet to plow, time for cotton planting. Same 3 men here for breakfast, Jane helped prepare it.

April 13. No one here. Began milking. Began to plow outside, doing good work. April 14. Likely for rain, dont want it. No travelers here. Clint sold steers to Vince Dowlen. April 15. Good Friday. Sleeting, dreadful norther last night and great rain. I fear the boys dam is broken . . . Now sleeting.

April 16. Strange norther last night, cloudy but no rain. A. Parker here claiming 1-4 of the A. Ruddle surveys. He is a nice little man. April 17. Great white frost, very clear. Broke prairie outside yesterday. Frank bot sugar at the Grove. I was at Forest Hill Academy, took dinner with Burgher. April 18. No one here, all well. Broke prairie all day. Niggers planted cotton all day.

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BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Judge, Wife, Daughter-In-Law Come to Paris And Have Their Pictures Taken

There was good farming weather following the rains in the Spring of 1870, and May 21 Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary: The farm now is in pretty good condition. We have had a fine time to clean out the crops and it is still dry. May 21. All well. Clint goes to Hugh's. Mr. King's son crippled by getting his leg broke.

May 22. Sunday, I shall go to singing. May 23. Clint came back from Hugh's (Hugh was a son-in-lay of Judge Rutherford and lived in Fannin county) and went to plowing after dinner. May 24. I set out taters. May 25. Still dry and cool. Bill Ribble got back from Jefferson on 23d inst. I go to water taters, it is root hog or die. A. G. Stobaugh called on me yesterday.

May 26. Very cool. Mr. Young here from Clarksville. May 27. Quite cool. Dry time. No stock water nearer than 2 miles on the north. Watering potato slips. No one here this morning. May 28. Frank goes to Honey Grove. He is to ride Childers, and see about linseed oil. May 30. Some signs for rain, want it. I think I have never seen the 30 of May so dry as it is now. No water in 2 miles on the north.

May 31. A fine rain yesterday, wet 3 or 4 inches. John and Dock Sadler here, also Coptain Littlejohn. Cloudy this morning, thermometer 70. Clint hoeing corn, will finish today if no rain.

June 1, 1870. Marked 35 calves. Clint began work at pool again. Sold an ox to Ribble at $25. Henry Skidmore here, no pay from him. June 2. Temperature 74. Two men here with wagon. I went to Paris with Jane and Tip (Mrs. Cal Rutherford) in wagon. June 3. Little rain last night. We staid at Grandpa's, came home at dark. Bro[illegible] linseed oil at $8. Took dinner at Hocker's. Little rain at dark.

June 4. All well. Clint goes to Honey Grove mill with corn. I neglected to tell that Tip, Jane and myself got eight pictures apiece. Jane and I gave Mrs. Travelstead and Mrs. Hocker one apiece. We bot them at 4 for $1. June 5. I went to singing, Judge Miles talked. I took dinner with Brigance, the superintendent. June 6. Little rain, set out taters, Bob Moore here. June 7. A family in east room. Frank goes to Paris with bacon. I shall set out taters. June 9. Dowlen, New and 2 other wagons here with 37 bales. Dowlen gets the white steer to break to yoke. Tom Burnett took his press by here to open at Honey Grove.

June 10. Rather cloudy and Temp 62. Jane's leg is better. She began to use Gray's Ointment about the 6th inst. If it cures her leg in 3 months I shall be very proud. Clint is plowing his corn. Frank is making axles for a big wagon. June 11. No person here. Party at Allen Pirtle's last night. Perhaps it will rain soon today. June 12. Rainy yesterday. I go to singing class. Godly Piner is to hold forth. To me he is a useless man, a mere bigoted fool.

June-July 1870

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 27, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Notes Uselessness Of Wealth When Death Calls and Heard Interesting Sermon

Judge Rutherford started his diary the week of June 13, 1870, with the brief entry that all his people were well. June 14, Jane sick, a diarea. I go to hunt my black filly, Clint plowing corn. Frank hoeing the little patch. June 15. Clint finished his corn. Hendricks and wife and son campt here, bot butter, 6 lbs. 90c. I heard that my filly was seen near Mosier's last Saturday. I could not find her. I think I shall go again today.

June 16. Great rain last night, soaking. McAbee and son and Jacob ..... here. Jacob is infidel. Frank going to break prairie with 3 yoke. The name is Jacob Schlinger, Lokney, Mo. Mr. Sinclair Stapp died yesterday of Histro-thorax. He leaves no children to heir his wealth. It will serve for remote kinfolks to law and war about. Oh! how useless is wealth at a Dying Day.

June 17. Much thunder in the S W but no rain here. The crops here are good, very good. Frank is breaking prairie. Clint is going at it I guess. Jane is up and at work again, her leg a little better. Great Rain. Muddy!!! June 18. Foggy, perhaps rain today. Bill takes the oxen to plow for Frank. He will make a bad out I fear. Clint will plow in prairie I reckon. I shall help. Jane is cooking breakfast with Maria . . . Clint finished breaking prairie, about 9 acres.

June 19. Frank gone to Kuykendall's courting. I wish to go to singing. Jane wont go. Eugene Mc here. He wishes to be recommended to Texalena. June 20. We shall plow a school road for Clint's babies and some other babies. June 21. T. Evans here to begin painting Forest Hill Academy at $21, 3 coats. June 22. All well as usual. We shall set out taters. June 23. Evans has painted 2 days. Cal and Tip came from Bullard's Creek yesterday. Lost 2 papers. Frank finished plowing.

June 24. No one here. I go to Honey Grove. Rain. June 25. I go to Grove again for lead and oil and flour. June 26. I was at singing. Hatch preached, pretty good. June 27. Clark a fence man, was here and left. June 28. Little Williams here, rain. June 29. Muddy. Mrs. Rivets and little son here, also Old Man B.

July 1. T. Evans finished planting Forest Hill Academy, 3 coats, all but the west end. It had 2 coats. Deduct $2.50 from $30, leaves $27.50. I am due him that sum. July 2. All well. Dowser here selling rights for a pump. It is all iron, may be good. Clint went to Paris for coffee. Barnett came home with him and stayed all night. July 3. Temperature 78. We go to hear Parkhill preach. Text, "One Thing Is Needful." No interest felt. Mr. Clinkscales conducted the singing. He is bright.

July 4. All well. Thermometer 75. Breakfast . . . I go.

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July 1870

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 28, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Too Much Rain On Crops, Branches Flooded And Cow Washed Off The Dam

July 4, 1870, apparently meant little to Judge Rutherford, or he had other things on his mind, as he made no entry in his diary except that he was gaing to breakfast. July 5. Rain. Mely in the gully on her back. July 6. Widows Logan and Otwell here, and Rush. Widows gratis. July 7. Great rain last night, a flood. Judge Hardin Hart past this morning to Honey Grove to try Wilson, and Hen McDonald and Bob Moore, to be bailed for murder of Dean. He will bail I say. It is yet raining and has been all morning. Cotton is in danger of running to weed. The cotton is hip high. This is a new pen. See how it writes, That's all.

July 8. Misses Hayes here and H. Kuykendall here. I wish I had my papers from the Grove. I'll hunt cattle a little today. July 9. Raining now. Party at Bob Pirtle's last night. Clint and Frank and Ribble's boys went. Jane's leg is getting well fast she thinks. There is too much rain for the good of the crops and perhaps for health. What a pity that our tank had not been finished. It would now have been full, but who would have thot it.

July 10. Great rain this morning. Too much wind, corn blown down. Distressingly wet time. I would guess there will be no preaching at Forest Hill today. Perhaps singing in the evening. Clint and Frank are yet in bed. The rains this morning has done much harm, I fear. July 11. Muddy indeed. I regard this as the wettest time I ever saw in July. Awful rain in P. M., great flood in the branches. Cow washed off the dam at Calvin's, so Bill said.

July 12. Robertson and darky leave for home in Denton. Signs for more rain. Frank gone to Paris, I don't know for what. John Morgan and Clint going to Honey Grove to school examination. July 13. Clint and Frank went to H. G. examination. Burgher and Vince Dowlen here. Fair drying time. July 14. The farmers are in poor spirits. Their crops are hurt in this section by the water. Dreadful grassy fields. July 15. One man here. Clint a little grunty. Frank is about to start to the Pine mills. It is a very imprudent thing now when the crops are so weedy. I say he will lose $50 by the trip.

July 16. Jesse Kuykendall here. James Hill had breakfast here. Cal goes to Paris with corn. I lost my cow whip lats night. July 17. I think Jane and I shall go to singing today . . . Went, and took dinner at Lee Hancock's. Cal and Tip were there. July 18. Clint is mending hedge. Hogs got in field. Corn in bad fix, weeds and grass and blown down. June 19. Jane is wih a sick black child at Bill's. Clint went to Snow's with wagon irons. Fred McGinnis fixed the clock and I paid him $1.

(Continued Sunday)

BACKWARD GLANCES

Aug.

By A. W. NEVILLE

Mitty Rutherford

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Tells Of Usual Farm Activities, Attends Singing and Hears Grandpa Preach

August 8 the folks on the Rutherford farm were busy. The judge wrote on that date: All well. I fix carriage bed. Clint cuts cuckleburs. Frank puts in wagon box, he treated his pony cruelly. Calvin started to sawmill in the evening. Jane and I stayed all night at Tip's (Mrs. Calvin). Aug. 9. Lasch here. Clint cuts burs in corn. Frank out with Sundies on, perhaps at Elba's. . . . He came home, brot Elba's brother and Mr. Pitman. Tip came and staid all night. All well, Mitty too (Mitty was Mrs. M. B. Rutherford, son of Calvin Rutherford, and was publisher of the Daily Tribune in Paris in the 'nineties of last century.)

Aug. 10. I have put up 5 young calves in 2 days. Jane and I went to Tip's at night. J. Hamilton was here. Aug. 11. Hamilton leaves to be back Saturday next. Old Ladys Hancock here for dinner perhaps. Uncle Lee H. also. They are very friendly. Pittman borrowed a book, Medical Common Sense. This is a new pen, see how it writes, by me helping. Coleman and George's two boys came, also Yearington.

Aug. 12. Thad Rudolph and a German here. I sowed turnips. Aug. 13. Coleman and the boys go home. Cal got back. Arrington and Huffman here. Clint and Frank at singing. Aug. 14. All well. No singing to day. Meeting at Cochran's. Hoffman left. Arrington remained. Clint gone to meeting. I remain at home to indulge in reading. Maria (Negro cook) at meeting at Hickory Grove 2 days. Jane does all.

Aug. 14. I sowed turnips. Arrington left. Frank sick. Maria came home. Rain, light, fine season. Aug. 15. I brush in the turnip seed. No hay cut yet, too much rainy weather. Grandpa preached at Cochran's yesterday (Grandpa, who preached, and with whom he stopped all night sometimes when in Paris, was Grandpa Travelstead). Aug. 16. Great rain. Yearington left. Mollie here. Clint hauled load wood, and poles. Aug. 17. Raining this morning. Wettest summer yet. Clint learning vocal music because it is rain. Rain, Rain, Rain!!! Widow Moore came. Aug. 18. All well but Maria, who has earache. Mollie here yet, Bill at home. Dry weather today but muddy, muddy, in the cow pen.

Aug. 16. Maria is up. Mrs. Davy Davis is here, a widow an old acquaintance of 30 years ago. She has been a widow 14 ears. She says she is 61 years old. Old Clint goes to singing. Maybe Frank too. Perhaps I shall go. Aug. 20. Hot. Clint and Frank at singing. Mollie goes home. She rides Missouri Ann and says she will send her back tomorrow. Aug. 21. Maria went home last Friday sick, she is not back yet. Aunt Jennie (he sometimes referred to his wife as Aunt Jinnie) and Clint getting breakfast. Sivells and another man here. I think I'll go to singing today. Aunt Jennie wont go, she has bad cold . . . Great singing.

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Sept. 1870

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 4, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Broke Chills and Hoped For No More In Twenty Years. Getting Cotton and Hay

Judge Rutherford made a second entry in his diary September 29, 1870, and wrote: I have taken six portions of quinine to keep off chills. A dreadful shake came on at 10 o'clock and was followed by fever and headache. Didn't subside till I took Shotbush. I suffered much. The boys brot one load hay from Hill's yard, I suppose at $2. Sept. 30. I am better. The boys gone for hay ...Got it, say $2. Had no chill all day, ate no dinner, drank Shotbush.

October 1. Good time for haying. The boys brot 3d load from Hill's. The second term of the Forest Hill Singing School begins. The chill has not come yet, tho the time has come and past a little. I am fearing I shall feel it every minute, taking quinine. Oct. 2. I had no chill yesterday or today. I hope I'm thro with chills for a while, say 20 years. Mr. Clinkscales tried for a Singing school. I guess he got it. Mrs. and Miss Mitchell here. The Miss is blind, poor thing.

Oct. 6. No entries made in several days. Clint left for saw mill Tuesday. Jesse Kuykendall here 2 nights. Oct. 7. Fine time for cotton and wagoning and gathering cattle. Temperature 51. Jane very poorly. Maria picking cotton. Oct. 8. Jane some better, I steamed her. Dick Claiborne here, 27 years old, a printer, traveling on foot. Oct. 9. Jane is up this morning. Singing is at 2 1-2, I'll try and go. Frank ought to go to the singing... Rain all day. James Hancock here all night, had been to Ribble's.

Oct. 10. Thermometer 50. Clint not home from saw mills... He came at 12 o'clock, had left half his load 7 miles back. Oct. 11. Steamed Jane last night, she is better this morning. Killed a beef, Sprinklehead. Jesse K. here. Frank bot mule from Joe K., fool trade. Oct. 15. I went to Honey Grove Saturday. Credited W. A. Provine with $100 on his note, currency discounting at 113 for 100.

Oct. 16. I want to go to singing if the rain quits. Jane was milking this morning, her leg is better...Didn't go to singing. Clint away all night, I reckon at Craddock's. Bush and his family in east room. Oct. 17. Clint came home and Phillips and Cink Craddock. Oct. 18. Rain all last night. Savage and Driver were here. The fair at Paris opens today. Rains all day, dreadful.

Oct. 19. At 11 o'clock A. M. temperature 47, wind north. Savage and the Craddocks leave. No fair today I guess. Frank went to Hunter's to look for his Ginger horse. He is sure that the horse was at Hunter's about 3 mos ago. But he is apprehensive that the horse has been stolen. Clint brot wagon bed home from Cheatham's shop, paid $12.

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Fall 1870

Many travelers stop at their home.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 5, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Too Muddy For Fair Going. John Hoge's Family Prayers Were New Experience to the Judge

Travelers had begun again to stop at Judge Rutherford's during the fall of 1870. October 20 he wrote in his diary: C'Bryan and his boy here. Big crowd campt here from Wilson County, Tennessee. White and Peyton. Jane is still very poorly indeed. Sent $61.75 in Greenbacks by Clint to pay taxes, paid $67.41 Oct. 21. Frank found his horse, Ginger. We dont go to the fair, too muddy. Perhaps will haul hay tomorrow.

Oct. 22. William McEwen, Frank Evans and 4 others here. Clint gone to Paris. Frank hauling hay. Felix Dr to 8 3-4 lbs meat. Oct. 23. I went to singing, fine class. Handed Burgher a book, "Guide to Heaven," to keep 2 weeks. Oct. 24. Frank and Bill Hauled hay, 2 big and 2 little loads, owing for. Oct. 25. Overhuls here to buy beef cattle. Oct. 26. I think the boys will gather cattle for Overhuls today . . . The boys got 6 head. I went to Hoge's for Holy Red. Oct. 27. Brot Holy Red home. Stayed with John Hoge all night. He had prayers night and morning. New to me!!

Oct. 28. Overhuls and the boys are out for cattle. Six got out but found them again. Oct. 29. Fine weather. Overhuls and the boys started with twenty-four head, got 2 others at Pirtle's for their 26 head. Clint recd $390 being $15 per head in gold. Cawhorn and Overhuls couldnt trade. Newton Pirtle and Calvin were arbitrators. They decided that the cattle didnt fill the contract. Overhuls drove back to Pirtle's, Clint thinks that Cawhorn acted lowflung, mean, Mean as a nigger.

Oct. 30. Clint is sick, in bed, cant eat. Oct. 31. The boys gathered cattle on Pine Creek, 3 beef steers and a muleshoe. Nov. 1. The boys finished delivering. In all, 33 head for $390 in gold and $123 in greenback, exchange at $113 for $100. No cattle now for sale at this place. Nov. 2. Clint began to haul his corn and Ribble is hauling for him also. Nov. 3. All well I reckon but Clint and Frank not up yet. Fine time for gathering cotton and corn. Our corn is ordinary. I predict that corn will sell for $1.25 or $1.50 in two months . . . . Clint hauled 2 loads today and 1 yesterday by himself. No. 4. I am up at 1-2 past 4. Mr. Eastman here with 6 Indian children for Mr. Stark's school in Paris, and one Darky, also one other man. Good show for some money. Looks like rain. A sick man and his brother came and staid all night. Somebody took about $3 silver out of the Long Box. I think it was———. We must watch better hereafter. Nov. 5. Great many movers passing. Corn is $1. Clint will get in his fifth load tonight, rather poor.

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BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Methodical Detailed Entries Concerning Rents Of House He Owned In Honey Grove

Judge Rutherford had a dwelling in Honey Grove, apparently a large house for it was big enough for two tenants. The entries in his little diary show his detail in keeping accounts. The entries read:

Ann B. Shelton Dr for the use of the west portion of my house in Honey Grove from the 10th of Aug. 1869 up to this 25th day of July 1870 at the rate of $8 per month Greenback, thenceforth at $8 Specie.

May 17th 1870 she paid me $30 in Specie which is credited on Memorandum Book and now crossed. She lifted my order to M. M. Wilson for $15.00.

Octr 15 1870. We settled up the house rent from Aug. 3, 1869 at $8 per month currency to this date as last above, Amt. $116. She had pd $82 and gave me her note for $34 the balance in Greenback, due 16 Octr 1870.

Feby 7, 1871. Mrs. Shelton lifted her note of $34 currency with $31.45 Specie. She is to pay $8 pr mo specie until the 15 next October from the 15 last Octr.

This is the 8th Octr, 1871. Mrs. Shelton paid me Sixtyfive Dollars ($65.00) in boarding & teaching Texalena Stephens (She was the Judge's granddaughter) five months during the Summer session of the year 1871.

Mrs. A. B. Shelton credit by cash this 24th Nov, 1871, $29.50. I told her she could have the rent down to $7.50 pr mo if paid invariably in advance in Specie. She owes $1.50 up to the 15th Octr, 1871. And $8 per month from that date until she begins to pay in advance.

1872, Jany. 5. Mrs. Shelton pd me the $1.50 as above, making us even up to the 15th Octr, 1871.

June 15, 1872. Mrs. Shelton due me up to this date $64 Specie,—$71.11 Currency. June 20, 1872. Mrs. Shelton pd me 63 Dollars Specie with $69.93 currency for nine months rent from Octr 15, 71 until July 15, 1872, The rent being agreed on at $7 per mo. April 4, 1873. I settled with Mrs. Shelton and took her note for 63 dollars due 11 March, 1873.

Thomas Baird moved into the east part of my house in Honey Grove July 20, 1870. I told his wife that he could have the use of that part at $9 per mo in Specie or he could leave it. He ought to pay monthly. August 23, 1870. Cr by Specie per wife $9. Feb. 7, 1871. Cr by Specie $20. Thos, Baird vcaated my house in Honey Grove Apl. 27, 1871. He occupied 9 months and 7 days. July 8, 1871, received in Specie $20.00.

Then Judge Rutherford figured the rent for the whole time at $83.25, credited it by three cash payments $49, leaving balance of $34.25. March 22, 1872 the diary said, Thos Baird paid me a cultivator at $35 which sets us even, so I've a cultivator, Sure, if I get it when I go for it . . . But I didn't get it. I bought his wagon.

Sunday the Diary will tell of the painting of Forest Hill Academy.

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BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Notes His Arrival In Texas Thirty-Five Years Before, Didn't Want to Leave Yet

There was some cold weather in December, 1870, and Judge Rutherford noted it along with his daily record. It was 36 on the 19th and he wrote. This day 35 years ago I first set my foot on Texas soil. I have survived thousands that I knew then. I have grown old in Texas. But I don't want to leave it yet. Dec. 20. Temperature 21. Killing five pork hogs. Geo. Simmons got back last night. He says his friends are all settled at houses for this year. He made no bargain for a home. Glasscock got a large beef from Burgher.

Dec. 21. Temp. 16. Rountree and wife are here. Great white frost. Tomorrow will be a year since temperature stood at 16. I hope there will be no colder time. Dec. 23. Tempt 11. Freeman didn't work. He and wife should pay about 60 cts per day for board. Dec. 24. Temp. 6. Tip (Mrs. Cal Rutherford) gave birth to a son. Molly was the doctor. Dec. 25. Temp. 27. Christmas Day. Jane is at Cal's. Movers in the yard. Very cloudy.

Dec. 26. All well. Temp. 20. Clint bot 874 1-2 feet plank boxing at $3:50 per 100 feet. Frank F. and wife moved to Calvin's. Frank took off 2 loads cotton. Dec. 27. Temp. 32. All well. Clint stripping shed of stable. Frank at Joneses gin and Black Bill also. Dec. 28. Bill Yearington and wife left Cal's. Dec. 29. Frank brot 3 bales from Joneses gin last night. Dec. 30. No one here. Dick worked yesterday and today. Bettie works to pay George's board. He talks of going to Sulphur Springs for Nancy. Foot too sore. Dec. 31. A man here with 17 mules. I go to Honey Grove mill . . . Went, got no meal, got no money.

January 1, 1871. Very warm. Have but a moment to make this entry, going with Jane, Nancy, Bettie and Buck to Cal's to get dinner. . . . Went. Met Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mary Smith there. Cal Tip, Mittie and J. E. C. Rutherford all well. George Simmons got home from Sulphur Springs. Jan. 2 George starts cutting hedge. Clint came home at dark. George's month out. He begins anew tomorrow. Jan. 3. Bullard and Wheatley here. Clint goes to rock factory to buy rock for Bill's house. Jan .4. W. A. Provine and a plowman by name of Pendleton here. Two peddlers here. I bot a bunch black sewing thread for 50 cts. Clint making doors for the little house. Jan. 5. Clint hanging doors, Frank hauling, George cutting hedge, I am sorting rotten taters.

Jan. 6. Temperature 38. Jane's foot is bad, ankle running a little. I regard the signs as quite alarming. I shall start to Hugh Stephens this morning to see Jas Hamilton for money. . . . I arrived at Hugh's about sunset. Found them in pretty good health and doing quite well.

(Hugh Stephens was the judge's son-in-law, and lived in Fannin County).

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Jan. 1871

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 10, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Clint and Frank Paid Attention to Young Woman Of Family Snowbound In Rutherford Home

Judge Rutherford's trip to Fannin County had little result. Jan. 7, 1871, he wrote: I saw J. Hamilton and other friends. He paid me no money. Proposed to let me have his place for $500. I offered him $450. I left his note, worth $225 in Green back now, with Hugh. I told Hugh I would take $230 in store goods for the note. I think he will buy Hamilton's place and I shall get the goods and then I'll have store goods or something else.

Jan. 8. I came home. Saw Mrs. Shelton about Texana schooling. Jan. 9. Warm while I write this. Clint brot home wagon wheels yesterday I bot Alcohol and Vinegar Bitters for Jane. Jan. 10. Nancy and Buck start home, Frank goes with them. Bill Arbuckle moves up to the box house. Jane is carding. Surveyed 65 1-2 acres for Cal to deed to Clinton. Jan. 12. Temp. 64. George goes to Paris for coffee and sugar. Jane is quilting. The weather has been very warm. I think there'll be a big rain today, then cold to kill hogs. . . . Howell Scott came in this dreadful norther. George is still later, badly wet and cold Mr. Adams, wife, daughter Callie and son Ben F. all here in east room. Dreadful time of snow.

Jan. 13. Snow 6 inches deep. Adamses stay all day, too bad to travel. No one passing today. Jan. 14. Frank came from Canada's this morning. Howell Scott here all night. Adamses here all day today. Jan. 15. Snow 2 1-2 feet in many piles. Howell S. and Charley Jones were here last night, left this morning. Adamses will stay all day. I would like to say something about Miss Callie Adams. She is a fine lady, I presume. I would have no objections to calling her daughter, none at all.

Jan. 27. Great snow on the earth, Many piles perhaps three feet deep. The horses and cattle will die if it does not melt off in the next two months. Young Alex Wortham was here last night. He is bold and smart also. The Adams family here yet, will not go today. George cuts wood in yard for Clint. Clint and Frank playing the Gentleman because Callie is here. . . . I was wrong, the Adamses will roll today. Jan. 17. Killed 10 hogs. Temp. 28. Three families came into the east room last night. May and Smith stayed with us. Smith didn't pay for lack of money. One family, Goodwins, will go to Frank's house to stay a few days.

Jan. 18. Dreadful time on horses and cattle. Some places the snow in 2 1-2 feet deep yet. Clint is sick. Jan. 19. Temp. 24. Widow Tait here. Gambill and 3 others here. The snow is yet about as deep as ever. This makes seven days of it. Clint and Geo cutting boisD Arc on the north of the road. Dr. Hunter campt here. He will call as he passes back.

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Jan. Feb. 1871

Jan. 31, 1871

THURSDAY, AFTERNOON, MAY 11, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Reaches Seventy-Second Birthday and Hopes To Live to Be Eighty Or Beyond

January 20, 1871 there was yet snow on the ground that had fallen eight days before. Judge Rutherford wrote on that day: Temp. 37. Clearing. Clint is weatherboarding Glasscock's house. Frank resting a little. Katie washing for us, Jane's foot very bad. Jerry Ribble is here. Jan. 21. Jane is confined to bed, the rest all well. Jan. 22. Jane's legs bad. The left leg as bad as the other. Frank is bad off with cold and a cough. Jan. 23. Jane is better. Clint, George, Johnson, James and Bill all go to the timber to make rails and boards and cut timber for George's house. The gang is to come home on Saturday.

Jan. 24. Jane up and making up beds. 3 travelers here, footmen. Frank made fire in kitchen and hauled load of wood. I steamed Jane. Jan. 25. Great rain last night. I think it will be cold before night. Frank hung the meat, Jane in bed, very poorly. Jan. 26. Temp. 38. Wind in the north. Jane is up at work. Cal decided not to let Clint have the land contracted for, won't give him a deed. I believe there has not been a day for plowing in 3 months. Dreadful time of weather. I guess corn will be planted in a single furrow run across the old rows. That will do.

Jan. 27. Jane up, carding wool. She is better. Mr. Cash and 2 boys here, Mudbound, bachelors. I have a mind to hire Wilson Gay. I guess $11 per month will do him. Jan. 28. Jane carding. Frank gone to H. G. to mill. I go to the timber for the work hands, take 2 horses...I went and found Cook and the 2 Gays there, boys all well. Had a fine week's work. Got home at dark. Jan. 29. Muddy!! Jane is better. Mr. Clark here from Mississippi. He's smart, aged 23. Jan. 30. Jane up and at work. Clint and Cal mad at each other. Cal flees the contract about the land for building the house. Tomorrow will be my Birthday, if it ever comes. I shall be 72 years of age. I'm trying to live a long time yet. My health is very fine for 72.

Jan. 31. Temp. 30. All well. My Birthday!!! 72 years old. I would be glad to be able to make an interesting entry on my Birthday, but what to say I know not. Well, I'll say that I hope to live to be fourscore or more years old. Next I'll say that I fear no evil after death for I have no expectation of knowing anything after the decomposition of my body. I have no objection to immortality but have no hope of living forever. Hell after Death I hold to be a fiction, a Priestly Humbug.

February 1. All well. Frank is perhaps a little sick, he is in bed. Clint at Paris...He came home at dark. No doubt he had consulted lawyers in regard to the land difficulty between himself and Calvin. If he did I regard it as a great display of ignorance and meanness. He will lose both character and money if he sues Calvin. I wish to God I had never given the land to them. Perhaps it will be the cause of the death of one or both of them.

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Feb. 1871

Jane

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 12, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Went To Honey Grove, Collected Money, Ate Goobers And Was Sick Next Day

Continuing the entry in his diary February 1, 1871, recording a quarrel between two of his sons about a land trade, Judge Rutherford wrote: Calvin disgraced himself in two respects at least. First, he acted the idiot in making such a trade. Second, he acted the knave in flying from his contract. They have both done wrong and I fear will do much worse before they end it.

Feb. 2. Jane's legs very bad, as bad as I ever saw her. Feb. 3. Honey and Seth, freedman, here. Clint and George gone to the timber with the carriage. I hope for plowing weather in two weeks and not less. Feb. 3. Mrs. Ribble and Tip (Mrs. Cal Rutherford) here. Jane is better. Feb. 4. Jane's foot still bad. Yearington and Luler Kuykendall here. Clint and George making rails. Bettie getting the breakfast. Yearington has not seen his wife for about 5 weeks. They will likely part. I send one sack of corn to mill by Cal and one by Bill. I have concluded to make Frank's piece of land in this home tract sixty acres larger to make his land equal in value with Clint's and Cal's. It will be 17½ poles added to the 113½, making 131 poles.

Feb. 5. Jane in bed but not suffering much. Clint and George killed a deer. Bill Yearington here. I wish to go to the singing. . . . . I was at the singing, a fine gathering there. Feb. 6. Jane up but not much better. Clint. George and Bill Y. about to go to the timber to make rails. I shall go to H G mill . . . I didn't go but went to the timber. Feb. 7. Jane in bed asleep I hope. One traveler here. I shall go to mill today I guess. Feb. 8. Jane up and better. I went to mill yesterday. Mrs. Shelton paid off her note $31.45 specie. Thos. Baird paid specie $20.00. Bot 1 qt coal oil at 30 cts and bottle.

Feb. 8. Mr. Trimble here with wagon. Cal has carriage to go to Paris for bagging. Feb. 9. I was at Hugh Stephens and came home. Feb. 10. Carpenter here. I got $20 Green Back from Gus Erwin. Feb. 11. I was sick last night. I think that Goobers made me sick. I'm almost well. I go to the timber today for the boys. Bill Yearington and Molly went eastward from these parts. Feb. 12. Signs for snow. Clint, Johnson, George, Frank and Betty at the table. Jane and I will be at the table when they are done, I guess. This day will be too cold for singing. I reckon. Shafer stopt for the night. Abe Ribble here.

Feb. 13. Five hands gone to the timber to work. Jane carding for quilt. She will work or bust. Feb. 14. Jane up, carding bats. This is our marriage anniversary, 45 years today. Well, we live yet but our span will soon be out. We are both Infidels about the Bible and no doubt will die in that faith. Cant believe!!

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 16, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Two Sons Divided Livestock In Decent Style And Much Rain Made Mud and Slow Travel

Having "backed" his letters written March 16, Judge Rutherford took them to Honey Grove to mail. March 17 he wrote in his diary: All well. I go to Grove for Texalena and perhaps Miss Wilson or Miss Shelton. March 18. All well but Frank. Party at Calvin's last night. Texalena and Miss Wilson here. Clint goes to Paris with Moses and George and 11 Turkies. Blue Buck and Norman to the wagon. I fear that Norman will behave badly. Bad horse!

March 19. Great Party at Calvin's last night. Fine time of it. I go with Jane and Tex and Mat Wilson to Forest Hill to hear Parkhill. Went to singing in the evening with the above. Fine time indeed, big crowd, Clinkscales there. March 20. Good time for plowing. Took Tex and Mat Wilson to Honey Grove. March 21. Clint goes to plowing for corn. Ella Price here. Fine time for the cows.

March 22. Dromgoole Williams here with tinware. I bot oil can for 60 cts. Sold 504 ft Frank's plank for $20 to L. Hancock. March 23. All well. Clint, George, Moses, Bill Johnson, James, Frank and Bill are planting corn. A cold time is now Just at hand I think. I have nine calves in the lot...I have 12 at dark. Room to write Turn Over (It was the last line on the page.)

March 24. Clint and Bill finished planting corn yesterday. We have fine time for planting corn, plenty dry. The grass is plenty for cattle and horses. March 25. All well. Nash here. Rain. Mr. Gould of Murfeesboro, Ark., here. I have put up 19 calves this spring. I guess that there will be no singing tomorrow. March 26. I stayed at Cal's last night. Cold rain. Jason Petagrew here at midnight. March 27. Great white frost. I stayed at Clint's last night. I hope the peaches and apples are not killed. Jane and myself went over prairie to look at building places and look at Frank's houses.

March 28. Blundell here. Clint and Frank settled some yesterday. Divided the oxen, hogs &c. Clint gets Mark, Blue, Bright and Buck. Frank gets Berry, Brandy, Brind and $10. Done up in decent style. No hard words. March 29. All well. Grass plenty, plenty. Pretty good hopes for the corn coming up if no more rain. March 30. Jane has concluded to stay with Clinton a few weeks longer. Frank is here at Clint's yet. I think he will go to Cal's to board. The sooner the better. Much rain. Two moving families here in east room. Three men with wagon in lot. Charley Askins moving Boone and family. All here, big crowd.

March 31. Dreadful muddy, Jane is at Dowlen's. Wils Allen and son here on way to Paris mill with wheat.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 17, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Had Fine Dinner With Jerry Ribble and Worried About Pain In Left Foot

April, 1871, came and Judge Rutherford's diary said: April 1, Fool's Day. Jane and myself had an invitation to dinner at Jerry Ribble's. We went, and partook of one of the finest dinners. Mrs. Coffee and John Hobbs there. Clinton moved Boone and family to Honey Grove, then to Hulsey's. No show at H. G. He got $4.

April 2. No one here but our folks. Vince Dowlen's baby born March 30, 1871. I wish to go to singing today. Eliza wishes to go. I hope Jane will go to singing. She is well enough . . . We went to singing. Fine time. Saw Burgher there. April 3. Too wet to plow. A black cow in the bog. The boggy places ought to be looked after. April 4. Temp. 82 at 3 p. m. Grass growing. I brot up Blacksides and calf, 21 calves in the lot. Show at the Grove tonight. We shall not go, money too slim.

April 5. Clint takes wagon wheels to Cheatham's. Burning pain in my left foot. I have felt it at times for a year or two. It seems to be in the joints of the toes. Is it gout, or is it paralasis, or something else? April 6. No one here, 21 calves here and 13 at Calvin's. I do the hunting of the cows and calves in a great measure. April 7. Dr. Haskell and wife and three others here, two wagons of medicines.

April 8. Moses and Ribble planting corn. Ground in fine order. I and Jane shall go to the Grove today I think, to be assessed . . . I didn't go. I think I will go next Monday. April 9. Rain. No one here. Mose and Ribble finished planting corn. Parkhill is to preach at Forest Hill today. I wish to go. I fear the rainy time will disappoint. April 10. Great rain. Stage is bogged. Mrs. Noel here and two others and driver. George goes to Honey Grove. I fear for corn. So wet. All the corn planted in style.

April 11. Temp. 40. Feels very cool. One man here. Paid his last quarter to Clint. Frank took up a black steer. April 12. All well, three men and four horses here. Frank rode Ballie yesterday, no accident as I learn. April 13. Foggy. Jesse Kuykendall here. Clint making a gate. My foot has not pained me for two days. Calvin and Felix will finish planting cotton toddy I reckon. . . . Great rain. Too wet to plow. Cotton is planted at Calvin's.

April 14. No one here. Clint puts up north field gate. Makes Moses' gate. Rain and hail. April 15. Muddy. No one here. I fixed the clock. Bad time on corn. I fear a poor stand. April 16. One white man and two darkies here. We all go to hear Stanford preach, or rather to enjoy sociality and to do as others do. We shall go to singing Clint goes to Allen's Chapel to see the fair sex. Jane, Eliza, Alice and myself to dinner at Burgher's.

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In The News

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 18, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Eliza Looked Over His Shoulder While He Wrote, Fearing It Was Something About Her

Continuing his diary in 1871, Judge Rutherford wrote on April 17. Jane and myself go to Honey Grove . . . Bot calicoes &c &c. To dinner at Provine's. Home at dark. April 18. Clint and George run 2 plows in south end of North field. Frank takes wheel plow to his farm. I gave in my Fannin County Lands at $962.50. Tax $11.55. Esqr Yarbrough took it in. Seems to be about right.

April 20. I went to Honey Grove to mill yesterday. Old man and son, the Tanner, here. Jesse Kuykendall and one herdsman here. Bill planting cotton. Cal goes to Brown's with his family. April 21. Martin Morgan here. Old Blacksides lost. Moses planting cotton . . . Old cow found. Smith, Wallace and Coles here. April 22. All well but Clinton. A lady and her sick husband stop at Glasscock's. April 23. All well. Parson Provine here. Jane and Cal and myself shall go to singing. . . . We went. Mr. Hadden led the singing.

April 24. Raining. No one here but us. Too wet to plow. I think I will go to Paris in a day or two. Mrs. Belle New ought to canvass for a list of subscribers for the "Literary Companion." It would doubtless do ten times the Good to this Community that the Sunday School paper will do. It is a monthly at $0.75 per year. April 25. No plowing for 3 or 4 days to come. Bad stand of corn.

April 26. Great rain, no one here. Clint making yoke. Frank breaking prairie. Jane and Liza fixing. April 27. Clint and George gone cow hunting. Frank breaking prairie. Eliza loafing. I think Jane and I shall go to Paris tomorrow to be assessed. April 28. All well. Mr. Stout, Mrs. Bob Taylor and babies here. George hauling sod for Mose's chimney.

April 29. I intend to go to Paris today. Also Jane. And back tomorrow . . . I went, also Jane. Staid all night at Granpa's. Paid $9.34 tax, called Frontier Tax, for myself and Clint, Calvin and Frank. Bot 5 lbs coffee for $1.00. April 30. Jane and I came from Granpa's to Calvin's and I went and heard Mr. Carr preach. His whole sermon was a Bible Narrative which was not worth the trouble of listening to according to my mind. We had a good singing in the evening.

May 1. All well. Two men here. May 2. Clint sick. Rest all well. May 3. I brot up 3 cows and calves. Eliza is looking over my shoulder this moment for fear I'll write something about her. But I will not waste paper and ink. May 4. All well. Clint planted his 4 1-2 acres of corn yesterday. He plows his north end today. I think I should go to the Grove today for my mail. . . . But I didn't go. I hunted cows but found none. No calves.

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May 1871

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 19, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Swapped Cows and Corn For Lumber, Sold Steer For $16 and Kept the Money

May 5, 1871. Judge Rutherford's diary entry said: All well. No one here. Jane, Clint, Eliza and Alice make up the family at Calvin's. Black Bird was turned out yesterday, her dumb bell ⁿ and her tail bobbed short. She will perhaps go back. May 6. I went to the Grove and mill, George with me. Left the corn. May 7. Eliza is singing about. I went to Naomi Academy to hear Piner preach the funeral for Miss Budd. I took dinner at Mr. Budd's. Was treated well. Piner, Stanford and many others were at dinner there. Called at Bob Ragsdale's after dniner. Quite social.

May 9. Two trappers here, going to New Mexico. Great Rain and Hale. Ladies, Mrs. Doda, Mrs. Belle New and Mrs. Salers, ran in out of the rain storm. They were strawberrying. May 10. Rogers here. I went to Hoge's. Saw Holy Red, Lost her calf, 2 year old heifer there. May 11. Cold time for cotton. Temperature 44. No work in it yet. Moses corn is clean. May 12. I go to Honey Grove . . . Went and brot Texalena home with me. Saw Dr. Scott in my house. Named the contract with his son Robert to him. He acquesced in the contract. Said he would be out in 6 months.

(A leaf has been torn from the diary here and the next entry available is May 26.) Too wet to plow. I have finished a letter to Dr. King at New York. May 27. Great Rain last evening. Indeed it was distressing. Two cows sold for 1050 feet pine lumber to Witten & Brandon. 38 ft for 114 years of corn. Raining at 6 o'clock P. M. Alarmingly wet time. May 28. No one here but us. Muddy milking. Bob Tharp came at dark, also Jim Ragsdale, freedman. May 29. Clint takes 3 or 4 hands to make rails. Bob stays to work for board for self and horse as long as both are satisfied.

May 30. Bob Tharp left before dinner. Sandy Miller and Mrs. Sally Hobbs are dangerously ill. May 31. Cloudy, too wet to plow. Crops in bad fix. Ball campt west, got milk and lot for $1.00. Brigance hauled 215 rails.

June 1. 1871. Frank breaks prairie. June 2. Dr. Ball leaves. June 3. I went to Honey Grove to mill. Got $10 from Dr. Scott and paid him $3.05 for repairs he had made on the windows and floor. Took dinner with Mrs. Biard. Didn't see Mr. Biard.

June 5. Temperature 88. Clint and George plowing. Party at Cal's last night. 6 dancing ladies. June 7. Clint and George plowing garden. Finished the 5 acre piece. Ground in fine order today. Both cotton fields are being chopped. June 8. Clint and George plowing. All well. Sold a steer to Floyd for $16 in hand. I kept the money. Clint paid up Eliza in full &c. Ribble hauled wheat.

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June 1871

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Man From Paris Courted the Hired Woman and Married Her Which Met Judge's Approval

June 9, 1871, Judge Rutherford's entry in his diary said; temperature 80. Clint and George plowing. Paid Y. Burgher $10 in gold for Dolly's mule. Have hunted Black Head about six days but have not found her. She was about the best. June 10. Fine time for plowing. I shall hunt Black Head. Mr. Spiva here from Paris courting Eliza. June 11. We go to meeting in carriage, Iiza and Alice go. Went to singing at 3 o'clock, fine crowd, Burgher led.

June 12. All well. All hands plowing but Clint, he takes wagon to the timber. Mr. Spiva leaves for Paris. I think that he and Eliza have made a marriage contract. I am in favor of their marrying. She needs a home. We borrowed 10 lbs of flour from Tip to make cakes &c. June 13. Mr. Spiva did not come from Paris today. Liza seems plagued. June 14. Temperature 99 at 1 o'clock. Mr. Spiva came and was married at 5 o'clock p. m. by Burgher. Good supper. All right.

June 15. All well. The newly married here in fine spirits. I must go shell corn for mill. Clint skinned a steer. June 16. Little rain. Spiva and Eliza yet here. Clint setting potatoes. It is too late, it wont pay I think. I dont know what else to write in this line to fill it up. Goodby.

June 17. Rain. I have toothache. Spiva and wife yet here. June 18. All well. I go to hear Mr. Stanford. I told Frank I would keep Ginger (a horse) two months. June 19. Spiva left here. Eliza remains. Clint hauls rails. George plows the corn. Ground in fine order for work, plowing. June 20. Made no entry. Hot time. All well, hauling rails and plowing. June 21. No Do. Do. Do. Marked, branded &c 40 calves, yesterday, 14 males, 26 females in our own lot, & 4 in Glasscock's lot & 3 in Bill's lot, in all 47.

June 22. Hot and dry. This is 3d day of Frank's hauling cotton to Shelton's gin. Total amt. 11,500 lbs; 700 from 11500 leaves 10800 lbs. 2-3 of 10800 is 7,200—7,200 at 2½ cts makes $180. June 23. All well. Cal goes to Paris for cotton baling. June 24. Very warm. George gone to Honey Grove. Clint hauling rails. Frank goes to gin with bagging and ties, cost $24.48.

Sunday, June 25. All well. I go to meeting at Forest Hill & take Mrs. Glasscock and 3 of her children. Mr. Carr preached twice. He is a pleasant speaker and very probably a Goodman. But woefully Priest Ridden. He would doubt the immortality of the soul were it not for Revelation. I say, What a fool to believe in Revelation!

June 26. Jane sick with neuralgy and nettlerash. Clint making fence. John Richter came at night. June 27, 1 o'clock p. m. temperature 98. John worked from dinner till night. Clint finished hauling rails.

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Mrs. Mace

June 28, 1871

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 22, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Hot Dry Weather Threatened Corn Crop and Milking Interferred With Writing

The entry in Judge Rutherford's diary for June 28, 1871, reads: Very hot, we dread the drouth. John Richter began to work for us at $14 per month. We board him and wash one shirt and drawers per week. His horse ran away with rope and rail. I hunted him but didn't find him. I fear he will not be found alive. I am sorry for John. June 29. Great signs for rain yesterday evening but no rain here. Baby born at Betty's and George's. I think Clint and John will hunt John's horse. A cotton blossom yesterday. Cotton fine, corn wilted. . . . They found the horse, soon. Good luck.

June 30. Preacher Carleton and many others passing. Clint makes big gate. I spent about 2 hours trying to read A. Wright's letter to me. He labors much to convince me that the spirits of Dead folks teach us. But—But—But!

July 1. Pleasant weathers, all well. Mose goes to mill. Clint hangs big gate . . . Moses got meal for us. July 2. Clint went to —I don't know where. I didn't go to singing. Jim and Frank and Johnson went. July 4. I am now writing by candle light. Haley, girl, has been here about 6 days. She began work on the 4th day July, 1871. She works well. Frank, Moses and Bill started to Jefferson with 11 bales of cotton. I fear for their luck but hope. Party at Kuykendall's, Clint, Jim and Johnson went.

July 10. All well, very warm. The stage mules came here on Saturday, the eighth day of July 1871. Brot by Aug Hulman. I think that $60 specie per month is the price. July 12. The calves been put out to pasture. July 13. Jane has gone to be with Saylors' wife. July 14. Dry time. We are alarmed on account of the drouth. Clint bot barrel of flour at $10.50. Lake Wilson's brother is here. Mrs. Ward here. George and Jim James digging out the old well. I think I ought to write to T. J. Wood and A. Wright.

July 15. The Fair at Honey Grove. Clint went. The Fair folks cleared about $116 over expenses. Great party at Clint's. A very fine time indeed. Nothing rong.

July 21. I am making an entry for the last week. Clint is fixing to haul hay. Moses and Bill got home from Jefferson yesterday. Frank will come later. July 22. A show company here. July 25. Little rain. Hard times on the corn, and I think our corn crop will be lighter than for 10 years. July 26. Frank and James Glasscock started to the Lumber Mills yesterday, Ribble is cutting hay. July 31. I am getting to neglect my entries in this book so much that I feel guilty. The task of helping milk every morning is the great hindrance to my making regular entries. I will try to do better—but may not.

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Aug. 1871

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 23, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Was Waked While Sleeping On Gallery By Man Who Had Been Shot

August, 1871, was still dry and hot on the Rutherford land. The Judge's diary for August 1 said: Still dry time. Clint hauled the 9th load of hay last night and is now gone for the 10th. Frank and Jim Glasscock got back Sunday night. I think that Clint should lay in a very large amount of hay. The corn will be scarce, the imagration large and perhaps the winter hard and long.

Aug. 2. Two loads of hay yesterday makes 11 loads. I go for roasting ears to the late corn across the Road. Cool time today. Clint goes for 12th load of hay. . . . Bot 12th load. The hay is put up rather green . Aug. 3. Mr. Spiva and wife started for Dallas to collect money. Clint goes for 13th load of hay. Calvin and Tip came home from Bullard's Creek. A walking man stayed here all night.

Aug. 4. Clint hauled his 15th load of hay. Perhaps he is done haying but he ought to have more. Aug. 5. Dreadful dry. I began a letter to A. J. and E. V. Martin this morning. Wrote one page. I purpose writing in the morning. Clint and Johnson greasing up tools. Sunday, no entry. Monday, none. Aug. 8. Temperature 100. Clint and Johnson and Jim gone to the timber for boards.

Aug. 9. The boys still at the timber. Cal and Frank hauling hay. Jim Glasscock cutting hay for Budd. Dry time, dry time, dry time!!! Aug. 11. All well. Jane and I go to milk. Aug. 12. I went to Honey Grove mill for Black Bill. Bot my plush hat and dress for Jane, and saw old Milam act dog. Aug. 13. Jane and I stayed at home. Bro. Parkhill preached Mr. Briggance's funeral, large crowd. Aug. 14. Temperature 100. Distressing dry time and hot. Nailed up the Road well.

Aug. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Spiva left for Missouri. Johnson nad Jim sawing board timber. Aug. 16. Jane and I talk of going to Amanda's. Aug. 17. Jane and I went to Amanda's, came to Clint's, this evening. Found things in tolerable good order. Aug. 20 Mr. Canada and wife and 3 children came to see us. Hannah says it is about 3 years since I was at her house or saw her. She has 2 babies I never saw before. I suppose Bill and Hannah are making out for a living. Good luck to them.

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2 a. m. A man who had just been shot came in the house gallery where I was sleeping. I felt the blood on his face. I took him into the house. He said that he was one of the three that past here the evening before afoot. That one of the three, named White, had shot him and the other man. He didn't know whether the other man was dead or not. He said his own name was Emerson. He tried to tell the other man's name but we could not understand, his mouth was so bad shot. I learn that he, the wounded man, wrote the dead man's name at Paris. Miller.

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COOPER VISITORS

Aug. 1871 for Clint & Jim Glasscock

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 24, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Wells Almost Dry, House Full Of Travelers And Only One Chicken to Eat

Continuing the story of the man who was shot and came to his house, Judge Rutherford's diary for Aug. 23, 1871, said: This man Miller was found dead at the place the men camped. Shot in the head. Moses and Johnson took the wounded man and the dead man to Paris. Clint and Jim Glasscock captured the murderer, White, in Paris the same day and took him before the wounded man, Emerson, and Emerson recognized him, so White was put in jail the same day that he murdered the man who was his comrade. I fear he will somehow miss what he deserves. I mean hanging. I would be pleased to see him dangling at the end of a rope today. Sure.

Aug. 24. I loaned Clint Twenty Dollars. I had paid Eight dollars for coffee, so he owes Twenty-eight dollars now. Aug. 25. A pretty rain yesterday morning. Wet one and one-half inches. I sowed turnips this morning. Clint and Jim plowed in. I hope they will do well. Aug. 27. Clint went to Naomi. Aug. 28. Great Connor speaking at Honey Grove. He was ably answered by Judge Scott. No fuss that day. I see that Texas is about "gone up." It is said that taxes will be $2.25 on the $100. It hurts, hurts!! Sure. Aug. 29. Our wells are almost dry. Bad show! Aug. 31. No entry these days, Stag dance at Cal's.

Sept. 1. All well. Great barbecue at Rush's. Conner and Scott made speeches, very good. Sept. 2. Clint sick. Moses, Sidney, Johnson and Jim G. all went to Paris to the speaking. Came home at dark. Sept. 4. Clint, Moses and Johnson went for crib logs. Judge Bennett, Wright and Hale passed, going up. Sept. 5. I went to the Grove for well rope, spade, nails &c. Sept. 6. Clint begins to dig in well at stable. William helps. Moses and Johnson hauling crib logs. Haley is here for a new month, she began yesterday.

Sept. 7. I have written a letter to Frank Leslie for Tip. I go to Grove for well rope for Calvin. Sept. 8. All well. Found water in the well, in the bottom. Sept. 9. Essert is here. Clint and Bill digging in well. Sept. 11. Clint, Johnson and Bill cutting cuckle burrs. Stage horseshoer here shoeing stage mules. Sept. 12. Three policemen here. George Pitman here. Blacksmith and a footman here. Only one chicken to eat. We are using four wells and yet lack water. Dreadful time.

Sept. 13. Working at the cotton well. Sept. 15. Clint working on Glasscock's crib. Johnny has a sore arm. Sept. 16. Clint put rafters on the crib. Sept. 17. Jane and I stay at home all day. Clint goes to see his Gal. Johnson goes to singing. Sept. 18. Very cloudy, shower yesterday, one inch. A traveler here without money. I shall put him to work till he pays his bill. Harris was here, taking bale of cotton to St. Louis to the Fair.

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Sept. 1871

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 25, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Dug Poke Root For Sick People and Did Surveying On His Own Headright

The first half of September at the Rutherford's was dry and wells were playing out, but Sept. 19, 1871, Judge Rutherford wrote in his dairy: Great rain last night. Mudry roads. Grass will grow. Mr. Walker of Jefferson stopped here. Sept. 20. Jane and I got to Amanda's (their married daughter, in Fannin county). Clint covering Glasscock's stable. Johnson gone after firewood.

Sept. 21. We were at High's. Amanda came home with Jane and me. Brot 18 lbs sugar, well bucket and pulley. Stage stand moved from Clinton's. Paid up. Sept. 22. All well. Amanda here. Jane, Amanda and I will go to William McEwen's today (William McEwen had come to Texas as an orphan boy with Judge Rutherford, and had settled near where now is Caviness, and married. He was father of John McEwen.).

Sept. 22. Fine weather. Jane, Amanda and I went to William McEwen's. Found him and Catherine both sick. I and Little Willie went after poke root. Got half a sack full. Sept. 23. We came from McEwen's. Jane, Amanda and I took supper at Cal's. Amanda stayed at Cal's all night Jane and I came on home and found Billy Budd and two others at the house. Clint well.

Sept. 24. Fine morning. Jane and I will go to meeting. Sept. 25 Jane and I went to take Amanda home. Sept. 26. Jane and I came back in good health. Sept. 27. Jane and I went to Calvin's. Took 3 buhels wheat. Sept. 28. Jane and I went to Paris to get field notes on the Ward survey.

Sept. 29. Surveying. We began at the S E corner of Andy Ward Survey, run North 1900 varas or 320 poles to the N E corner, continued with 1331 varas or 224 poles to S W corner of the Mat Ward assignee of Jas Hodges, continued 2691 varas or 453 poles to a point 3 poles north of my old S W cor, in all 3 lines 997 poles, thence eat thro field 158 poles to east edge of east hedge, taking off 2 acres, 3 rods 34 poles from the old Rutherford survey up east to the east hedge.

Sept. 30. All well, killed a beef weighed dressed 400 lbs. M. G. Glasscock got 100 lbs hand qtr, Bill Buckle 101 lbs, Ribble 84 lbs. Cal got 15 or 18 lbs. I helped Frank stack up lumber.

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Oct. 1871

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Feared People Of South Would Not Feel In Good Condition For Twenty Years

October 1, 1871, Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary that he wished to go to singing, but did not say if he went. Next day, Oct. 2, he said there was rain and added: I wish to go to Mrs. Morgan's to see Bennett, Hobbs and Burgher about the new road. Oct. 3. Election (for Congress) begins today. Bryant and Connor. I am not decided which I shall vote for. The people of the South are dreadfully oppressed. Radical rule is hard to bear and Democratic rule now would likely be no better. I don't think that the people of the South will feel that they are in good condition in 20 years from today. Dark view!

Oct. 4. I have a weak knee. Paralasys perhaps. I may never be well again. Clint will get $4 this morning from 4 travelers, I guess. Oct. 5. Some mules here, say 25, paid $4. I sold hides to Bancroft for $6.25 cts. Clint hauled picketing for stable. Oct. 6. Temperature 55, wind north. Jane went to be with Parker's wife. This is last day of the election, Bryant & Connor. Amt. of taxes for 1871 in Lamar Co. J. A. Rutherford $282.31, CPR, $94.62, JCR $79.34, NFR, $77.75. Total $533.82.

Oct. 7. All well. Jane at Parker's yet . . . But came home this morning, child born last night. Calvin went to Mat Brown's yesterday for tax money. I have had my mule, Lincoln, up three days, keeping from his mother. Sam Hatcher here last night going to lumber mills. Oct. 8. Jane has gone to Pegram's to be with his wife. Oct. 9. Jane and Clint both absent. Jim and I got breakfast. Glasscock is hauling rent corn to Calvin's.

Oct. 10. Rain. Clint and Johnson to go to timber for lathing. I reckon Clint will begin to repair the house roof before long. Oct. 11. All well. Putting roof on kitchen. Taxpaying at Cochran's, I shall go tomorrow. Oct. 12. I shall go to Cochran's today. Oct. 13. I paid $221.50 tax. About $60 was deducted for 2 quarters of the school tax, but will have to be paid hereafter I suppose. The full amt. was $282.31 for the year 1871. Oct. 14. I go to Honey Grove . . . I didn't go. Great rain. Mr. Bounds and son here, came Friday night. Had drove of mules.

Oct. 15. Very muddy. Mr. Bounds here yet. Oct. 16. Very muddy. Mr. Brame here, also Bounds and son and mules. Oct. 17. I went to Honey Grove. Got 50 lbs. nails, pair winter shoes for self, vial calomel &c &c &c. Oct. 18. All well. Clint covering house. Oct. 19. I went to the Fair at Paris. Staid all night at Old Friend Wesley's . Went into Fair. Bot 28 ft. of tin guttering at 20 cts. per foot, $5.60. Oct. 20. Came back from Fair. Got home at night.

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In The News

Pennsylvania Women

Oct. 1871

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Crops Were Being Gathered And More Surveying Showed Too Long A Chain

Crop gathering time came in 1871. October 21. Judge Rutherford wrote: All well. Rain. Covering house. Oct. 22. 3 peddlers here all day, paid $3. Oct. 23. All well, Clint came home from his Gal's house. Jane bot table linen $1.80. I lent 50 cts to Cate. Oct. 24. Frank took 4 persons to Red River to help him make shingles. Rain. Clint killed a beef last Monday. Uncle Lee got 148 lbs. Moses and Ribble got some.

Oct. 25. Moses and James began to haul cotton to Shelton's Gin. Bill hauls 3 loads of corn to Frank, 16 bushels to the load. Oct. 26. Great rain last night. Bill Yearington came last night, also Scruggs Clint covering north side of house. Jane washing, I am assisting. Hard Times!! Oct. 27. Campbell staid last night. Clint on house roof at work. I mould candles, Bill Buckle goes to mill. I hear that Bob Caldwell killed Collins 25th inst.

Oct. 28. Temperature 40. Mr. Sloan here, Clint sick. We have no cook but my wife but she cooks well. I have just whetted my pen but it is no better. Oct. 29. James G. and Bill J. went to Naomi. Oct. 30. Rainy Day. Perkins is in Simmons house, and Smith in east room here. R. Stewart and Gid McClendon here. Oct. 31. Cloudy and cold and muddy. Clint put floor in north porch yesterday. Johnson don't work today.

Nov. 1. Frost. om Pettigrew, Lloyd Roise, Johnson and others here. Clint finishing house roof. I told Roise to go into my H. G. house if Mrs. Snelton was willing. Gave Nero, dog, away. Also gave Puppy away. Nov. 2. Temperature 34. Frost. Clint goes to Paris to pay tax. Frank came from the cedar brake yesterday with Jim J., Luler K. Frank E. He says he has timber enough for shingles for his house.

Nov. 3. Burgher, Jim Glasscock, Bill Johnson, Clint and myself all went surveying. 997 poles which is the sum of 1900 varas, 1331 varas and 2691 varas, reached over our old beginning corner, 3 poles and 7 links. The chain was 1 1-2 inches too long. We should deduct 3 poles and 3-4 of a pole. Burgher heard Clint and Ribble disagree. Ribble asked rent for 2 years. Oct. 4. Fine party at Kuykendall's last night. Johnson, Clint and myself measured from the S. E. corner of the A. Ward Survey north to my old beginning corner, being the northwest corner or beginning of the Hodges Survey, 997 poles and one-third of a pole, being one-third of a pole over the calls of the surveys. Ribble's land is 107 1-2 poles wide north and south. It should be 106 poles. The chain was too long.

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Nov. 1871

Clint K. – his son married a Fannin Co. girl. Judie Craddock (first marriage)

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Clint Married Fannin County Girl and His Father Was Well Pleased With New Daughter

Judge Rutherford's son, Clinton, was having a difference with Ribble about a boundary, and the Judge's diary of November 3, 1871, told of making a survey and finding Ribble's land was too wide. He tells the reason in an additional entry in the diary of the same date, and says: Clint is done, proposing to buy land of Ribble. I suppose he thinks he will risk a law suit. I think he is safe. If it goes into law Esq. Y. B. will be objected to as surveyor, for when his Spanish chain was shown to be too long by 3 3-4 inches, he refused to have it made right length, which is 27 feet 9 1-3 inches.

Clint was preparing to be married to a girl in Fannin County. Nov. 5 the Judge wrote: Clint goes to Hugh's. I think he will go to Bonham for the Papers. Jane and myself went to see Tip and Rebecca and the babies. Six wagons campt before the gate. Nov. 6. Clint came from Bonham and stopped at Hugh's but the girls didn't care to see him married. (Hugh Stephens was a brother-in-law of Clint and lived in Fannin County also.)

Nov. 7. Great Rain. Clint went to be married, and was married at 10 o'clock A. M. to Judie Craddock at her father's house. He put himself and Judie in the buggy and came home before supper the same day. We had a fine supper by candelight. Calvin and his wife Tip and their babies, Glasscock and the Ribbles all here.

Nov. 8. Muddy time. I am well pleased with my new Daughter. She is a pretty woman and I hope a good one. I hope she may enjoy a long healthy and happy life. Nov. 9 I made no entry this day. Jane and I went to Mart Wilson's in Honey Grove and staid all night. I got Mart to look at my house. He says he will work on it some.

Nov. 10. I paid tax $19.66. Dan McKee wants the east part of my house. So does A. A Rutherford. No. 11. Clint and Judie went to Hugh Stephens' and Moses started to Jefferson. Nov. 12. Rainy day. Eight wagons here last night. Bought no corn!! Two travelers here, paid $2. It is now 3 o'clock P. M. and I am all alone. Perhaps I may go for Jane tomorrow.

Nov. 13. Rainy day. Johnson and I and Marie and no more here. A family in the east room. A dreadful muddy day. Jane is still in Honey Grove. Clint and his little Blossom hasn't returned yet. Jas. Glasscock got 9 lbs. dry beef $0.60, had got 3 lbs once before .20. Bill Buckle to 10½ lbs. dry beef .80.

Nov. 14. Ice on the ground. Frank gone all night. Jane at Wilson's yet. Clint and his little Blossom not home yet. Bill Buckle goes to mill. Johnson cuts wood. I think I ought to write J. P. Mendum and send $3.50 for the paper and $6.50 for Paine Hall. .

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Nov. 1871

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 30, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Wife Was In Honey Grove With An Expectant Mother and Travelers Had Sick Child

November 15, 1871, Judge Rutherford continued his diary, writing for that day: Frost (this was scratched over and he added) temperature 37. All well. Jane at Wilson's. Kitchen roof finished yesterday. It was Judie's birthday. She is 17 years old.

Nov. 16. Great Party at Harmon Anderson's last night. Clint and his wife were there. Nov. 17. I was at Hugh's came from there to Wilson's, then home. Nov. 18. Temperature 32. Rain last night. 4 wagons before the door. Clint killed beef yesterday, weight 480 lbs. Nov. 18. All well. Jane at Wilson's. Clint and Bill talking. (Then he interpolated in the diary) $244.50 Specie value of a note on James Hamilton which I this day handed to H. R. Stephens to traid for the said Hamilton's place. The note is made payable in United States Currency, Greenback.

Nov. 19. At home. Judie and I went to Calvin's. Jane is yet at Martin Wilson's & will be there next ten days perhaps. Bad luck. Nov. 20. Temperature 32, yesterday was 28. Clint began to plow in the pasture. Jesse Kuykendall here. Nov. 21. Temp. 34. Sam Hatcher and Jesse K. here. Jane at Wilson's, Court begins at Paris. I wrote J. P. Mendum and sent $5.

Nov. 22. Clint and wife go to Craddock's. Jane not home yet. The poor cripple, Sims, here. I go to secure the apple trees from rabbits. Nov. 23. Clint sick, Judie making him shotbush. I go to Honey Grove with plows to be sharpened. (Shotbush is wild sarsaparilla). Nov. 24. At M. Wilson's, Jane was there, she went to the store with me. I pd Blacksmith Fuqua $4. I bot goods. I came home at sunset. Sick child here. Dr. Dailey visited it. Charged $5. Two policemen and prisoner here.

Nov. 25. The sick child still alive but bad. Jane at Martin Wilson's yet. She will hardly be home in another week. Clint and Johnson plowing the oxen. I call it slow business, he ought to plow his two horses and hire a boy to drive oxen for Johnson. Nov. 26. Very windy and cloudy. The sick child is here yet. Dr. Bullitt is here, sent for last night to see the child. They are in the east room. Also another husband and wife and baby 5 weeks old in east room. Jane is not home yet. I think the party will be a failure on account of the sick child. The child has fitts or spasms. It wouldn't do to have the party while the child is dying, but I hope it will not die. I bret my new coat from Tip's yesterday. I think I'll go to Forest Hill today if it clears.

Nov. 27. Temperature 28. Jane not home yet. Douglas and wife and sick child here yet. Dr. Bullitt here yet. Child better. Jim Glasscock takes 2 bales cotton to Paris today...He sold one and left the other with Dr. Clement.

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Nov. 1871 Party at his house Dec. 1, 1871

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 31, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Land Dispute Between Clint and Ribble Settled Without Having Law Suit

Nov. 29, 1871, Judge Rutherford's diary entry said: Temp. 28. Jane not home yet. Douglas, wife and child here. Clint plowing. Jim Glasscock and Johnson gone out to get hands to the party. It will come off Friday night.

Nov. 30. Great sleet last night. Clint gone to Paris to witness against White (White was the man who had shot two others in their camp near the Rutherford gate one night in August, one of whom died, and Clint had helped catch White in Paris as he was able to identify him). Big snow. Kirkham here for dinner, supper and all night.

December 1. Jane not here (the NOT was underscored). Clint at Paris. Kirkham and Johnson here. Great party last night at this house, 8 female dancers. All went off in fine style and good feelings. Not a single immoral act. Dec. 3. Calvin, Franklin and Clinton and Judie all now in the house. Also Johnson and Jim Glasscock and I am also present. I am glad to see the boys as social as they are.

Dec. 4. Temperature 10. Dreadful windy last night. Dunk Wetherby here. Slept in the house. Coldest time this season. Jane not at home yet. Too cold to go and see her, too cold to work so Johnson, Clint and Frank seem to think. Dec. 5. Temp. 20. I go to the Grove for Jane. Clint and Johnson go beef hunting. . . . They got a steer and drove him up. I brot Jane home from Mrs. Wilson's. A boy baby there, all well there.

Dec. 6. Scarboro and one other man here. Mose killed beef. Clint and Johnson shell corn for mill. Jim G., brot us two sacks meal. Jane, Judie and I are at Tip's. Dec. 7. Scott here last night. Clint and Johnson go to plowing. I guess Clint went toward Paris for beef but got none. Jane and I went to Cal's. Dec. 8. Warm time. I brot up Childers and Edmond (two of his horses). Jane at Cal's. Clint has gone toward Lovell's for a beef steer. . . . He got a steer very gentle. Dec. 9. McGee, a cripple here, no money. Jane at Cal's but I staid at Clinton's. I have taken my colt, Edmond, off from his mother. Clint will hunt another beef. The Lovell steer too gentle to be killed. . . . He found one, weight 528 lbs. Bill Buckle got 3 quarters of the beef.

Dec. 10. Jane and I stad at Cal's last night. No one at meeting or singing. My colt Edmond got out last night. Dec. --. Clint, Ribble and myself ran the line from the S E corner of the Andy Ward survey to the N W corner of the Jas Hodges survey and found it to be 996 poles 17 links, closing in 2 inches of the old stake for the beginning corner of the J. A. Rutherford survey. Clint and Ribble both seemed to be well pleased. I was well pleased, sure. I am now done that line, I think.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 1, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S EARLIER DIARY

Notes Thirty-Sixth Anniversary Of Arrival In Texas and Plows Field All Day

Plowing in preparation for next year's crop occupied the men on the Rutherford farms in December, 1871. The Judge wrote in his diary, Dec. 12. All well. Preacher Swoops was here, Pd. 75c. Clint gone to Paris with 29 or 30 turkeys. Jim Glasscock got to plowing in the west field. Jim James plowing for Moses in west field.

Dec. 13. No entry, all hands plowing. Dec. 14. No entry, all hands plowing. Dec. 15. Temp. 20. as cold a day as you ever saw. I think I shall plow . . . I plowed all day and had a very bad cold. (He was then lacking about a month of being 73 years old) Dec. 16. Temp. 38. Cal killed pork hogs yesterday. My cold is very bad this morning. I reckon Clint and Johnson will plow today.

Dec. 16. Frank got seed oats at Budd's yesterday. I insisted with him not to sow oats, that it was a losing policy, that to use hay would be better. But he would not heed me. He got 20 bushels at 62 1-2 cts—$12.50. Shame! Dec. 17. Jane and I have bad colds. I went and heard Piner preach a great many things.

Dec. 18. 12 o'clock noon. I have been plowing. Temp. 62. Dec. 19. This day 36 years ago I landed in Texas. Hundreds of persons who were in Texas at that time are dead. I cant count a dozen now living that I knew then. Death Reigns! I plowed from dinner until night in the Prairie. Dec. 20. Temperature 15. Too cold to plow. Fixing hearth.

Dec. 21. Shortest Day. We all have bad colds but are up. Dec. 22. Clint is plowing up cotton stalks. Dec. 23. I made no entry. Look out for Christmas. Dec. 24. I went to Hugh's. Found signs of a wedding coming. Dec. 25. Christmas. I was at Hugh's. Went to Bonham. Dec. 26. Came home, called at Wilson's in Honey Grove. Dec. 27. Temperature 18. At home, all well and in good cheer. Dec. 28. Great party at Calvin's last night. John Jones here, two Deberrys. Miss Murphey.

This concludes Judge Rutherford's diary, covering the period from September 13, 1869, to December 28, 1871. There is about four years between this record and the one that I reprinted previously, covering the period August, 1876, through May, 1882, with some omissions due to missing pages. So far as has been learned, there are no more of the diaries that have been preserved, though I have no doubt the Judge wrote them for many other years.

The reader of these homely and brief entries can get from them a true picture of daily life of a Texas pioneer family during the earlier years of our history, one that is worth preserving.

In this last diary are some other entries, illustrating Judge Rutherford's carefulness in keeping account of his financial affairs, which I shall reprint in part, as showing what a methodical man he was. They will appear the next two days.

at Clinton's

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1939

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Attended School Examination Where A Little Jower Occurred Between Boys

He was having trouble with the pen and ink, and the entries for several days referred to it and were so pale as to be barely decipherable. July 4 he wrote, This day was once a much honored day but now little. July 5. My ink was wasted by Justin (a grandson). I think Tip was under a mistake in thinking I had filled the inkstand with water. I suppose it was Justin trying to make ink of it. (7) I went to Lookout, got no mail, saw Nichols, sent apple to Cynthia, his wife. Saw Mary Gibbons. I thoughtlessly asked about her husband and family and sure enough she had none all the time, but she seemed not to care about it. She is a dwarf.

July 8. Sunday. I shall go to Center Hill today but I fear I shall be in very low spirits. Calvin was very sick with colic, Tip steamed him. Rufus Cates is here reading in the little paper called Our Women . . . . I read my paper proposing to the children that they subscribe for the Temperance paper, Our Women, but he seemed to feel that he had no interest in such matters.

July 9. Calvin is at the table trying to eat. Milton is at the moment playing the organ and shows signs of very pretty progress in music. Good music promotes delight. (2) Examination begins today at school. I say it will not be very interesting.

Judge Rutherford went to the examination as school commencements were called then. July 13 he wrote, I am at Clinton's. Old man Ross sends his tobacco smoke into my nose from the west end of the passage. He has the advantage of the wind. Weather cloudy, we want rain. I think I'll write a proposition to teach a class of readers at Center Hill one month or 20 days, beginning next Monday, at common price. I now tell something about the examination. It was respectable, went off in good order, a very great concourse of people. There was a little jower between Jerry Leverett and Harrison Hodges. It was a very creditable affair (I am sure he meant this last sentence to refer to the examination and not the jower).

July 14. People are wishing for rain, I go to sleep while I am writing. That is indication I shall not live long, so I take it. (15) Some rain last night, very much wind, near being a storm. I fear the corn is injured by the wind. (16) Clinton has had a right good crowd at his table several days, I think there is about 3 girls here and some boys left just now. I am going to trim little apple trees.

July 17. Cool morning. Mr. Bass is here, he is a Campbellite preacher, very simple. He and Wash are matched. Betty brought my little table downstairs and put in the little room for me to write on.

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Oct. 1877

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Too Much Rain For Cotton But Good For Wheat. Notes On Wood Cutting and Real Estate Deal

October, 1877, found Judge Rutherford and his wife in better health, Mrs. Rutherford having recovered from a severe illness. October 1. he wrote in his diary that his son Frank had gone to Paris to district court, and next day said. Fine clear time for cotton picking. No grinding at Calvin's mill and we are in trouble for meal, will have to send to Honey Grove, Oct. 3. Jack Bean about to start to Honey Grove mill. Oct. 5. No frost yet.

Oct. 7. Good rain last night. Quarterly meeting at Forest Hill, I don't go. There will have to be a new axe bought soon and a handle. Oct. 9. I am restless about going to Mrs. ——— to dun her for money on her note. In truth I think it probable that I shall never get any from her. Well, I shall not need money much longer, I hope I shall be pretty well reconciled if I never get the money from her. I hope Clinton will drive up Swabtail today so I can [illegible] her colt.

Oct. 10. I have [illegible] time. Our breakfast will be very late. Oct. 11. This is written at supper time, the boys, Johnson, George and Jesse, have been covering corn house for George Walker's corn. Oct. 12. Temperature 64. All well. Jane milked 14 cows yesterday. Perhaps the Negroes will milk today. Fine time for picking cotton. The boys will finish covering the Walker corncrib today, or try, they will hardly get it finished I think. Frank is sick in bed with a chill. A lecture to be held at Forest Hill tonight on Language.

Oct. 13. Duck Shaw here. He paid me fifteen dollars towards a lot of land he is to have for $150, for $25 down and $125 in six months, interest from maturity at 10 per cent, the lot [illegible] for the pay. Oct. 14. A little rain I was up at 1 a. m. I wrote deed for one lot before day for Duck Shaw. The weather will be cool I think. I think Fuqua will be [illegible] with his cotton. This is a [illegible] day truly. I put a plat on Duck's deed and put it in the black book.

Oct. 15. Very muddy. Clinton here last night. He wants the compass. He built a crib at Frank Embree's. Jack Bean and Bill cut wood from 10 1-4 until night. I paid Bill half dol. He must finish the day's work this morning or sometime soon, then I'll pay him 25 cents more. I shall credit Jack's account. He owes $1 for shirt.

Oct. 16. Great rain now. Good for the wheat but bad for the cotton. Jack and Bill cut wood about an hour, then rain stopped them. Oct. 18. Very cloudy and muddy. Clinton ought to haul cotton seed today. He has two bales at the gin now. Oct. 19. [illegible] Cousin William Rutherford here going up the country. He says he will move to Frank's [illegible] on Red river in 2 or 3 weeks. [illegible] to Honey Grove this evening to trade with Duck Shaw for the lot.

Sept

BACKWARD GLANCES

By A. W. NEVILLE.

Sept, 1877

DAILY RECORD OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Did Some Visiting, Inspected His Timber Tract And Noted Return Of His Son Clinton

I wish Judge Rutherford had written more in his diary about Paris after the fire and his visit a few days later. Sept. 12, he wrote: James Glasscock here working on the gallery. Johnson and Wesley laying about doing nothing, sorty grunting. I think Wesley ought to be working. Sept. 13. Johnson and Wood grunting. I wish I had courage to go to Honey Grove. Frank ought to go after plank. If he goes I think I'll go also. Calvin's mill is out of order. The stone is loose from the spindle.

Sept. 14. Before day, in common health. Calvin began to gin. Frank brot wheat from Billy Kuykendall's. George and Wesley plowed. I went to Drummond's for wrench for Calvin. Sept. 17. I went to Old Friend Cheatham's yesterday. I took dinner at Mrs. Sally Hobbs's. Found the old man well as usual but John was bad off with his back. Sept. 18. Clinton came today. He had been absent six months lacking two days. He brot little George. Both in good health. I don't know whether Clint will stay here or go west again. I think he had better stay here.

Sept. 19. Mose Glasscock lost his bay horse last night. He thinks the horse is stolen. I think it is stolen. Bullitt's thresher is here getting out Frank's oats. They got 114 bushels yesterday. They will be through about 12 o'clock and are to go to Calvin's from here.

Sept. 1. All well but Clinton. Catron Smith here hunting ox. Johnson sick, quite bad, but does not want a doctor. Sept. 22. No beef today. Embree promises some next Saturday. Sept. 24. Frank began to sow wheat and George harrowed it in. Sept. 26. Five o'clock, no one up but me. It is raining now. Sept. 27. Ground in fine moisture to sow wheat. Frank will sow some more in corn ground. Clinton has gone to river to see T.G.K.'s debtors. I am sure he will not get any money from them.

Sept. 28. Nice time for sowing wheat. I have lost my energy about riding out. I can' pick up courage enough to go to see Mrs. ——— about the money she owes me. I am about done over. Sept. 29. Evening, I have been to Ann Pirtle's today. Took a very fine dinner with her and Aunt Lucy. Also at Bill Melton's. He seems to be taking a very fair start. Has two fine children that he and Elizabeth are very proud of. I did not find any trespess on my timber worth naming. That is a pretty good 160 acres. I would hate to take less than $7.50 per acre. Old Brother Pirtle's funeral will be preached tomorrow at Forest Hill. Jane and Elba are to go in the wagon.

Sept. 30. I am up at 1 a. m. Feel pretty well. Shall go to bed again. I want to go to meeting today to hear Brother Stanford.

I went and heard him, I took dinner with him at Ann Pirtle's. The Grange performed their ceremonies. There were many persons present, a large crowd.

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EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. UNDERWOOD

SG

Sept. 13 - 1869 Good rain last night, it was much needed. A great amount of cotton is dying with rust. The corn is better than I ever saw it. No turnips scarcely. All our hogs have been kept up ever since last March. At first to keep them from the Kuckleburs and after that to keep them from the field. Last Wednesday and Thursday nights was the Exhibition at Pertte's. This morning is the first cold autumn morning. We call it a Norther. Four travelers are here all night. Frank has been hauling logs for negro cabin three days. I predict that he is putting at the wrong place, down by Cal's. I think that he will lose much more than he will make. I say the negros will not do justice to the crops. They are too far from the field. Experience teaches a dear school, but fools will learn Thermometer 58. Shall I write this much every morning?

Sept. 14 - Letter to J. P. Mendum, Boston, Mass.

SG Sept. 29 - The fair at Paris, I took Jane (my wife) and Mat Schockley up to Ballard's Creek day before yesterday. Came back yesterday. Brot sack salt, cost $6.50. Bot coat of Wash Underwood for $4.00. Frank brot waggon and barrel flour from Paris last night. He says that he got $1.70 in specie, and a wagon and harness for his two yellow horses. Clint started to the sawmill yesterday. Fine clear weather.

SG Oct. 1 - Great rain. Great disappointment at the fair at Paris. Texalena and Newt Moore were there.

SG Oct. 5 - Jane got home from Ann Eliza's confinement. A son was born Wednesday, Sept 29, 1869 in good health. Clint got from sawmill with a 1050 ft. lumber. We are gathering corn this fine weather. The corn is fine indeed.

SG Oct. 7 - I have not seen frost. Ribbles are in their cotton belimes. They push.

SG Dec. 6 - Maria came here to work six weeks for two pairs of shoes, if we like her. If not, send home.

SG Dec. 10 - I begin this diary with the hope that I shall have resolution to continue it thro this winter at least. Clint is finishing the smoke-house roof. Frank is fixing a plow to plow in raw prairie. Jane is quilting. Ribble is hauling rails. Bill and Abe making rails.

SG Sunday - All well, Hog drove here last night. Not much bad weather yet this winter. I hope it may be a mild winter. Hay will be too scarce with us.

Dec. 20 - All well and at work.

SG Dec. 21 - Killed 13 hogs. 1950 lbs.

SG Dec. 22 - Cutting up pork. Broraugh Dr. Brown and wife and baby here in east room.

SG Dec. 23 - Clint got $7.50 from travelers.

SG Dec. 24 - No one here, all well. Frank hauled rock for Dick's house

SG Dec. 25 - Christmas. Bronaugh here with 55 pork hogs for Clarksville. No Christmas excitement about this place.

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EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Dec. 26 - 1869 This is Jane's birthday. She is 67 years old today. She is at this moment, in this room getting breakfast, in pretty good health and spirits. So am I in good health. Clint went to Hugh's yesterday (Monday)

Dec. 30 - Letter to T. J. Wood and wife. Caperton and Reeves here last night. I was at Snowdenis shop yesterday.

Dec. 31 - Deaf Mr. Bliss here. 125 horses here. $10 worth of corn.

Jan 1 - 1870 New Years Day. I have seen 71. Bully for me. Once an infant, now an old man. Clint is little sick. Stacked plow. Brot up cow and calf yesterday. Young Brigan. here

Jan. 2 - Patton, Burvis and Glore here. We are all well, all well.

Jan 3 - No one here.

Jan. 4 - Gates here. All well.

Jan. 7 - All well, and at work. Dr. Guild here. He goes to Paris. Lives Sherman.

Jan. 8 - All well. Nobody here.

Jan. 9 - All well and at home. Nobody here.

Jan. 10 - Clint and Frank gone to the timber. No one here. All well.

Jan. 11 - All well. No one here.

Jan. 12 - All well. Dowd here. Clint gone to Paris for Revenue Tax assessment. Great rain yesterday on Clint at timber.

Jan. 13 - All well. Clint at Paris yesterday. Bot iron tools and seeds. Didn't see Hocker. Got ink and qnt. sky. to cure Dispepsia. I fear for him.

Jan. 14 - Rainy time. Widow Story here. She and her family are in a worse fix than any family I have seen this winter. She has five children. The 1st and 2nd are sons. The other 3 are daughters. A yoke of oxen is their team and they can't go, too weak. We shall have a very fine opportunity to exhibit our kindness to the widow and fatherless. Will we act the part of the Good Samaritan? I trust we shall prove ourselves Good Infidels and show the true religion Jane speaks of.

Jan. 15 - Extremely cloudy or foggy. Dr. Guild and wife and baby here. Moving to Paris. Widow Story here and five children. Poor woman. I went to mill at to Grove. Took 6 sacks, 4 of them for the negros. Came home in the night. Brot meal.

So Jan. 16 - All well, no one here. I am writing by candlelight. If is not too bad today I think I ought to go see old man Cheatham. He or myself or both will likely not stay here much longer. We are old, old, old.

Jan. 17 - All well.

Jan. 18 - All well, Allen and Galaspie.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

So Jan. 19 - 1870 All well, no one here. Clear time. Clint is making a scraper for himself. Maria began to work here on Monday the 17th Jany. at $3.50 per month. Say till cotton picking time. May lose a little time in corn planting if needed by father.

So Jan. 20 - All well, no one here. Childers brot up last night. Colt out yet.

So Jan. 21 - All well, no one here. Clint goes to Snowden's. I go to Cheatham's for work.

So Jan. 22 - 3 persons here. Blair and Sivells Mrs. S. and footman Massagee.

So Jan 23 - Rain last night. Miss Josephine Johnson and cousin Turner here. $6 work at Cheatham's shop yesterday. $3.25 day before.

So Jan. 24 - All well, no one here. Muddy. I borrow nails from Ribble. Frank goes to plowing at Niggerville. Clint makes hay and fodder rack. Aunt Jennie quilts. I make plank troughs. Marie spins wool.

So Jan. 25 - All well, no one here. Clint didn't get his plow laid yesterday. Bot log chain, 2 pair track chains, file, tape, bolts and screws. Paid back three lbs. nails to Mrs. Ribble.

So Jan. 26 - All well, no one. I go to H. G. for plow.

So Jan. 27 - All well. Norther last evening, clear now. Brot Prairie plow from Fuquays shop. Paid $5. Clint has done no plowing yet. I hope he will try his frame plow before long. I think it will do.

Jan. 28 - All well. Nobody here.

Jan. 29 - All well. No one here.

So Jan. 30 - All well. Jane gets breakfast. The frame plow don't go but we'll fix it yet I think. Weather clearer. I have been fixing Clint's frame plow a good part of this Sunday and that it is no sin unless someone saw me whose happiness was thereby lessened. I don't think that anyone saw me at work today whose happiness was thereby diminished.

Jan. 31 - All well. No one here. I begin a letter to Tom and Maria Wood.

So Feb. 1 - Began to break prairie yesterday. Yesterday was my birthday. I must give my religious feelings on that day as soon as I find time.

So Feb. 2 - Fine work time. Tate is here on a lecturing tour.

So Feb. 3 - Tate here. All well. Clint complains.

Feb. 4 - Tate at Calvin's. All well.

So Feb. 5 - Snowing, killed hogs on yesterday. No plowing today. All well.

So Feb. 6 - A family in E. room and 2 others.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

SC

Feb. 7 - 1870 All well. This day last week was my birthday. I have neglected to record my religious feelings as I have heretofore done on my birthday. So I think I shall say something on the next page on that subject. I am 71 years old and 7 days this morning. I am in good health for a man of my age.

SC SAY

Feb. 8 - Plowed yesterday. Shall plow toddy I think. 3 pedlars here, Ferguson. This day week I was 71 years of age. I can't hope to live long but I think I fear death as little as common people, perhaps less. I am satisfied that there is no consciousness of existence after the death of the body. I believe my best interest in this life is to be good. I am determined to be good.

Feb. 9 - Clint sick, rest well. Mule drove here. Widow Robinson and children here.

Feb. 10 - Very fine weather indeed. 3 men and 1 lady here. Roberts and wife and Humphress.

Feb. 11 - No entry made. Plowed all day.

Feb. 12 - N. E. plowing. Letter to T. J. Wood.

Feb. 13 - All up. Jane complains. Plowed yesterday. We have broke up a few steps more than half of the unbroke prairie in the north field. We do it well, very well. We get 3/4 acre per day maybe. Maybe less.

Feb. 14 - All well. Jane grunty a little. We go to plowing in raw prairie with frame plow. This is the annaversary of my marriage day. 1827 I was married to Jane Kennedy in Franklin County, State of Tennessee. 43 years ago at 12 o'clock. Gasper Tohom here for cedar. Ribble, Calvin and Franklin all raking stalks.

Feb. 16 - Wash McClure here going for apple trees.

Feb. 20 - Irishman A. Gibbons here. All well.

Feb. 21 - No one here. All well. Shelling corn for mill. Clint will go get a scraper.

Feb. 22 - All well. We go plowing. No one here. Calvin, Dick and Bill are all plowing, bedding up. Franklin is hauling rails. 2 loads yesterday.

Feb. 23 - Clint to Paris for scraper.

Feb. 24 - Clint not back from Paris. All well. None here. I go to hunt Childers for Calvin to plow till corn is planted.

Feb. 25 - All well. No one here. Clint brot 2 barrels flour home for Cal and us.

Feb. 26 - Rain. Plowing. Frank gone to Paris. Dick to mill at Paris.

Feb. 27 - The ground is dry enough for planting. Went to Cal and Tip's.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD - 1870

March 1 - Finished breaking prairie in the north field. Clint plowed in garden. Bill Womack here at night. Dick and Bill began to ridge up corn ground. Frank got two loads today.

March 2 - Bill Womack here. All well.

March 28 - I have bad cold and sore throat. Balance well. No one here. Will bush if it don't rain. Letter from John Kennedy, T. J. Wood and Killingswouth.

April 10 - Fine prospect for good weather. We hear the corn will rot in the ground, so wet. Went to Puon Grove to preaching. Smith held forth.. Wrote part of a letter to J. Kennedy.

May 2 - All well. All hands in the corn field plowing, hoeing and planting. Read my long letter to J. Kennady for Jane to hear and approve it.

Sept. 7 - Capt. Rutherford and Dan McNee both made application for the above part of house. No bargain made with either. They must pay in advance or pay 50 per cent more. I must have $25.00 per quarter in advance. Capt A. A. Rutherford moved into the east part of my house December 20, 1871 at $8.00 per month paid in advance quarterly. If not in advance I shall expect 20 per cent per annum.

August 1 - Frank and Dick, G. Kennedy's children got here. Coleman had charge of Betty and them. Port Allen here.

Nov. 13 - Rainy all day. Fielding Rutherford, wife and three children went into Ribble house. Also G. Simmons and wife came here to work one month for 25 dollars. Fielding is to have 18 acres for the third of the corn and fourth of cotton. Bot 100 bushels corn from Parker for $65.00. Corn at Yate's in Spicie.

Dec. 12 - Clint covering little house. Frank to haul cotton to Prices gin for Mr. Hall to pay bills. Moses Glasscock brought his family to the Ribble house.

S.C Dec. 19 - This day 35 years ago I first set my foot on Texas soil. I have survived thousands that I then knew. I have grown old in Texas. But don't want to leave it yet.

S.C Jan 30 - 1871 Jane up and at work. Clark here. Clint and Cal mad at each other. Cal flies the contract about the hand for building the house. Tomorrow will be my birthday if it ever comes. I shall be 72 years of age. I am trying to live a long time yet. My health is very fine for 72.

S.C Jan. 31 - All well. My birthday. 72 year old. I would be glad to be able to make an interesting entry on my birthday. But what to say I know not. Well, I'll firsr say that I hope to live to be four score or more years old. Next I'll say that I fear no evil after death for I

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Jan. 31 - 1871 have no expectation of knowing anything after the decomposition of my body. I have no objection to immortality but have no hope of living forever. Well after death I hold to be a fiction. -A Priestly Humbug.

S.C Feb. 1 - All well. Perhaps, Frank is a little sick. He is in bed. Clint at Paris. Clint came home at dark. No doubt had consulted lawyers in regard to the land difficulty between himself and Calvin. If he did, I regard it as a great display of ignorance and meaness. He will lose both character and money if he sues Calvin. I wish to God I had never given the land to them. Perhaps, it will be the cause of the death of one or both of them. Calvin disgraced himself in two respects at least. First, he acted the idiot in making such a trade. Second, he acted the knave in flying from his contract. They have both done wrong. And I fear will do much worse before they end it.

S.C Feb. 9 - I was at Hugh Stephens'. Came home.

S.C Feb. 14 - Jane up carding bats. This is our marriage anniversary. 45 years today. Well we live yet, but our span will soon be out. We are both Infidels about the Bible, and no doubt will die in that faith, Can't believe.

Feb. 15 - Daylight. None up but myself. I think Jane is asleep. I'm glad when she can sleep. I wish to record an incident of yesterday, the recollection of which has so harrassed my mind as to take away my sleeping feelings. So, I've not slept for hours. I was seduced by a Scotch Pedlar by the name of McDonald. Parson Provine and myself gave him $55 Spelie for six pieces of cloth. I now think the cloth might have been bought for as low as $3 5. And, mor than that I did not need the cloth. So that it was not much better than throwing away my $27.50. But as I frequently say. "Some knowledge has to be burnt in." I'll try to do better for time to come. Like all other troubles, it will wear off, and I'll not care for it when I have forgotten it. So mote it be.

Feb. 25 - Much thunder and lightning. Perhaps will be great rain. Mr. Thomson and two other men here. Jane up at work. Mr. Thomson. Mr. Thomson left, paid $4.25. Clint laid foundation of house. Frank idling. Jane knitting.

Feb. 26 - Norther. All well. Jane up early. No one here but family. I go to breakfast.

Feb. 27 - Jane up in pretty good health. Mr. Darnell here with apple trees. Clint gone courting. Frank goes to haul rails. George cutting wood.

Feb. 28 - All well, Jane is in fine spirits. Frank and Bill go to timber to make rails. Clint and George work at little house. I hunt beasts. Not a furrow plowed yet. Late, late, late.

March 1- Fine weather. No one here. Jane up at work. Hall and wife afoot. They are to pay me $3.50 to haul them to Paris in the morning. Two others here. I start after the apple trees.

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March 2 - 1871 I started to J. I. A. Walker's for apple trees. I took Hall and wife to Paris. Staid all night at Walkers. Got 103 apple trees and 4 pare trees, and 1/2 bushel Irish potatoes. Paid him $19.50. Took dinner at grandpas. Came home before night.Baby boy at Cascooks.

March 4 - Clint raises George's house. Johnston and Humphreys here. Jane at work at her quilt. Betty helping her.

March 5 - All well, No one here. Laid off orchard for Frank at 20 ft. apart. One hundred and two trees. I think I'll go to singing today. I hope to Miss Mercer the shool mistress. She opens tomorrow. Made no entry on Monday. I staked out the sandy road by Calvin's. Frank dug holes for orchard.

March 7 - Jane is up in fine health. All well. Clint nailing roof on George's house. The horses and cattle stay out on the grass which is about 1½ or 2 inches high. I look for cold spell. Skined Old Cherry. Boyd and C. Young here. Gave in tax to burhere. I guess my tax will be $140. I dread the occasion of paying, bad, bad, bad.

March 8 - Rain this morning. All well.

March 9 - All well. My tax for this year will be $200 or more I guess.

March 10 - All well. I go to Honey Grove to mill. I went. Got 2 sacks 174 lbs. Took dinner at Provines', Saw Texalina.

March 11 - Getting colder. Moses and Bill planting corn.

March 12 - All well. I have written one page by candlelight to John Kennedy.

March 13 - All well. I go after Mrs. Martin. I brought her here. She is to stay on trial awhile. Eliza Martin and daughter came here to live and work.

March 14 - Very warm. I wrote from 3 o'clock till light. All well. Frank goes to the river and to Dennis's.

March 15 - All well. Five men here. Dr. Goodman and others. I go to Keyhendall's for flour. One barrel. I went and took dinner there. Was pleased.

March 16 - I have backed two letters this morning. One to T. J. Wood, the other to J. Kennedy. I shall mail them tomorrow at Grove.

S.C March 17 - All well. I go to Grove for Texalina and perhaps Miss Wilson or Miss Shelton.

S.C March 18 - All well but Frank. Party at Calvin's last night. Texalina and Mat Wilson here. Clint goes to Paris with Moses and George and 11 turkies. Blue Buck and Norman to the waggon. I fear that Norman will behave badly. Bad horse.

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S.C March 19 - 1871 All well. Great party at Calvin's last night. Fine time of it. I go with Jane and Tex. and Mat Wilson to Forest Hill to hear Parkhill. Went to singing in evening with the above. Fine time indeed, big crowd.

S.C March 20 - Good time for plowing. All well. Took Teck and Mat Wilson to Honey grove.

S.C March 21 - All well. Clint goes to plowing for corn. Ella Price here. Fine time for the cows.

S.C March 22 - All well. Drumgood Williams here with tinware. I bot oil can. 60 cts. Sold 504 ft. Frank's plant for $20.16 to L. Hancock.

S.C March 23 - All well. Clint and George Moses, Bill Johnson, James, Frank and Bill all planting corn. A cold time is now just at hand, I think. I have nine calves in the lot. I have 12 at dark. Room tonite, Turn over H. H.

S.C March 24 - All well. Clint and Bill finished planting corn yesterday. The grass in plenty for cattle and horses. We have a fine time for planting corn. Dry plenty.

S.C March 25 - All well. Nash here. Rain. Mr. Gould of Murfreesboro, Ark. here. I have put up 19 calves in all this spring. I guess that there will be no singing tomorrow.

S.C March 26 - I will not record the disgraceful circumstances between Clint and Frank on yesterday. I staid at Cal's last night. Cold rain. Jason Petagrew here at midnight.

S.C March 27 - Great white frost. I staid at Clint's last night. Jane in good health. I hope the peaches and apples are not killed. Jane and myself went over prairie to look at building places and to see Frank's houses.

S.C March 28 - All well. Blundell here. Clint and Frank settled some yesterday. Divided the oxen, hogs. Clint gets Mark BlueBright and Buck. Frank gets Berry Brandy,Bino and $10. Done up in decent stile. No hard words.

S.C March 29 - All well. Grass, plenty, plenty. Pretty good hopes of the corn coming up if no more rain.

S.C March 30 - Jane has concluded to stay with Clinton a few weeks longer. Frank is here at Clint's yet. I think he will go to Cal's to board. The sooner the better. Much rain. Two moving families here in east room. Three men with wagon in lot. Charley Askins moving Boone and family. All here. Big crowd.

S.C March 31 - Dreadful muddy. Jane at Dowland. Wils Allen's son here on way to Paris mill with wheat.

S.C April 1 - Fools Day. Jane and myself had an invitation to dinner at Jerry Bibble's. We went and partook of one of the finest of dinners. Mrs. Coffee and John Hobbs there. Clinton moved Boone and family to Honey Grove then to Hulseys. Got $4.00. No show at H. G.

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S.C April 2 - 1871 All well. No one here but our folks. Vince Dowlin's baby born March 30, 71. I wish to go to singing today. Elizabeth wishes to go. I hope Jane will go to singing also. She is well enough. We went to singing. Fine time. Burgher there.

S.C April 3 - All well. Too wet to plow. Black cow in bog. The boggy places ought to be looked. Clint was out. Reckon hunting.

S.C April 4 - All well. Grass growing. I brot up Black Sides and calf. 21 calves in the lot. Show at Grove. We shall not go. Money too slim.

S.C April 5 - All well. Clint takes wagon wheels to Cheathams. Burning pain in my left foot. I have felt it at times for a year or two. It seems to be in the joints of the toes. Is it Gout or Paralisis? Or something else?

S.C April 6 - All well. No one here. 21 calves here and 13 at Calvin's. I do the hunting of the cows and calves in a great measure.

S.C April 7 - All well. De Haskell and wife and three others here. 2 wagons of medicines.

S.C April 8 - All well. Moses and Ribble planting corn. Ground in fine order. I and Jane shall go to Grove today I think, to be assessed. I didn't go. I think I'll go on Monday next.

S.C April 9 - Rain. All well. No one here. Ribble and Moses finished planting corn. Parkhill is to preach at Forest Hill today. I wish to go. I fear that rainy time will disappoint.

S.C April 10 - Great rain. Stage bogged. Mrs. Hall here and 2 others and driver. George to Grove. I fear for corn, so wet. All the corn planted in stile.

S.C April 11 - Feels very cool. One man here. Paid his last quarter to Clint. Frank took up Black steer.

S.C April 12 - All well. 3 men and 4 horses here. Frank rode Bollie yesterday. No accident as I learn.

S.C April 13 - Foggy. Jesse Keyhendall here. Clint making gate. Jane in fine health. My foot has not pained me for two days. Calvin and Felix will finish planting cotton today I learn. Great rain, too wet to plow. Cotton planted at Calvins.

S.C April 14 - All well. No one here.Clint puts up north field gate. Makes Moses' gate. Rain and hale.

S.C April 15 - Muddy. No one here. All well. I fixed clock. Bad time on corn. I fear a poor stand of corn.

S.C April 16 - All well. One white man and 2 darkies. We all go to hear Stanford preach or rather to enjoy sociality and to as others do. We shall go to singing. Clint goes to Allen's Chapple to see the fair sex. Jane, Eliza, Alice and myself to dinner at Burgher's.

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SG April 17 - 1871 All well. Jane and myself go to Honey Grove. Bob Calicoes to dinner at Provines.

SG April 18 - All Well. Clint and George run 2 plows in south end of north field. Frank takes wheel plow to his farm. I gave in my Fanin Co. Lands at $962.50. Tax $11.55. Esqr. Yarbrough to it in. Seems to be about right.

SG April 20 - All well. I went to Grove to mill yesterday. Old man and son the Tanner here. Jesse Keyhendall here and one herdsman. Bill planting cotton. Cal goes to Browns with family.

SG April 21 - All well. Martin Morgan here. Old Blacksides lost. Moses planting cotton. Old cow found. Smith, Wallace and Coles here.

SG April 22 - All well, but Clint. Lady and sick husband at Glasscocks.

SG April 23 - All well. Parson Provine here. Jane and myself shall go to singing. We went. Mrs Haddan led the singing.

SG April 24 - No one here but us. Too wet to plow. I think Jane and I will go to Paris in a day or two. Mrs Bell Hew ought to canvass for a list of subscriptions for the Literary Companion. It would doubtless do ten times the good to this community than the Sunday School Paper will do. It is monthly at $0.75. per year

SG April 25 - All well. No one here. No plowing for 3 or 4 days to come. Bad stand of corn.

SG April 26 - All well. No one here. Great rain. Clint making yoke. Frank breaking prairie. Jane and Liza fixing.

SG April 27 - No one here. All well. Clint and George gone cow hunting. Frank breaking prairie. Eliza lafing. I think Jane and I shall go to Paris tomorrow to be assesed.

SG April 28 - All well. Mr. Stout, Mrs. Bob Taylor and babies here. George hauling sod for Moses's chimney.

SG April 29 - All well. No one here. I intend to go to Paris today. Also Jane. And back tomorrow. I went, also Jane. Staid all night at grandpas. Paid $9.34 Tax, called Frontier Tax for myself, Clint, Calvin and Frank. Bot 5 lbs coffee for $1.00.

SG April 30 - Jane and I came from grandpas to Calvin's and I went and heard Mr. Carr preach. His whole sermon was a Bible Narative which was not worth the trouble of listening to according to my mind. We had a good singing in the evening.

SG May 1 - All well. Two men here.

SG May 2 - Clint sick. Rest all well. No one here. I bot up 3 cows and calves.

SG May 3 - Eliza is looking over my shoulder this moment for fear I'll write some thing about her. But I will not waste paper and ink.

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SG May 4 - All well. No one. Clint planted his 4½ acres corn yesterday. He's plowing north cut today. I think I should go to the Grove today for my mail. But did not go. I hunted cows but found none, no calves.

SG May 5 - No one here. All well. Jane, Clint, Eliza and Alice make up the family. Frank at Calvin's. Black Bird was turned out yesterday. Her dumb bell on and her tail bobbed short. She will perhaps go back.

SG May 6 - I went to Grove and mill. Left the corn. George with me.

SG May 7 - All well. No one. Eliza is singing about. I went to Naomi Academy to hear Piner preach the funeral of Miss Budd. I took dinner at Mr. Budds. Was treated well. Piner, Stanford and many others were at dinner there. I called at Bob Ragsdale's after dinner. Quite social.

May 8 - All well. Two trampers here going to New Mexico.

SG May 9 - Great rain, and hale. Ladies Mrs. Doda, Mrs. Bell Hew and Mrs. Salers ran in out of the storm. Strawberrying.

SG May 10 - All well. Rogers and _____here. I went to Houge's. Saw Holy Red, lost her calf. 2 yr. old heifer then.

SG May 11 - All well. No one here. Cold time for the cotton. No working in it yet. Moses' corn is clean.

SG May 12 - All well. I go to Honey Grove. Went and brot Texalina home with me. Saw Mr. Scott in my house. Named the contract with his son, Robb to him. He acquesced in the contract. Said he would be out in 6 month.

SG May 26 - All well. No one, Too wet to plow. I have finished a letter to Dr. King at New York. Great rain last evening. Indeed it was distressing. Two cows sold for 1050 feet pine lumber to Witten and Brandon. 38 ft for 114 years of corn. Raining at 6 o'clock p. m. Alarmingly wet time.

SG May 28 - All well, No one here, but us. Muddy milking. Bob Tharp came at dark. Also Jim Ragsdale, threadman.

SG May 29 - All well. Clint taking 3 or 4 hands to make rails. Bob stays to work for board for self and horse as long as both are satisfied.

SG May 30 - No entry today. Bob Tharp left before dinner. Sandy Miller and Mrs. Sally Hobbs dangerously ill.

SG May 31 - Yet cloudy. Too wet to plow. Crops in bad fix. Ball Comptnest got milk and lot for $100. Brigance hauled 215 rails.

SG June 1 - Fine. Wet to plow. Frank breaks prairie.

SG June 2 - Dr. Ball leaves.

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June 3 - 1871 — I went to Honey Grove mill. Got $10 from Dr. Scott and paid him $3.05 for repairs he had made on the windows and floor. Took dinner with Mrs. Baird. Didn't see Mr. Baird.

June 4 - All well. No one here. Boys came home.

June 5 - Clint and George plowing. Party at Cal's at night. 6 dancing ladies.

June 7 - All well. Clint and George plowing garden. Finished the 5 acre piece. Ground in fine order today. Both cotton fields are being chopped out.

June 8 - All well. Clint and George plowing. Sold a steer to Floyd for $16 in hand. I kept the money. Clint paid up Liza in full. Ribble hauled wheat.

June 9 - All well, Clint and George plowing. Paid Y. Burgher $10 in gold for Dolly's mule colt. Have hunted Black Head about six days. But have not found her. She was about best.

June 10 - All well, fine time for plowing. Shall hunt Black Head. Mr. Spiva came here from Paris. Courts Liza.

June 11 - We go to meeting in carriage, Liza & Alan ~~hood~~. Went to singing at 3 o'clock. Fine crowd. Burgher lead.

June 12 - All well, all hands plowing but Clint, he takes waggon to timber. Mr. Spiva leaves for Paris. I think that he and Liza have made marriage contract. I am in favor of their marrying. She needs a home. Borrowed 10 lbs flour from Tip to make cakes.

June 13 - Mr. Spiva didn't come here from Paris. Liza plagued.

June 14 - Mr. Spiva came and was married at 5 p.m. by Burgher. Good supper. All right.

June 15 - All well, the newly married here in fine spirits. I must go and shell corn for mill. Clint skined steer.

June 16 - Little rain, Spiva and Eliza yet here. Clint sitting potatoes. It is too late. It won't pay, so I think. I don't know what to write in this line to fill up. Goodby.

June 17 - Rain. I have toothache. Spiva and wife here.

June 18 - All well, I go to hear Mr. Stanford. I told Frank I would keep Ginger two months.

June 19 - All well, Spiva leaves here, Liza remains. Clint hauls rails, George plows the corn. Ground in fine order for work. Plowing.

June 20 - No entry, hot time, all well. Hauling rails and plowing.

June 21 - No do, do, do, Mark. Branded 40 calves yesterday, 14 males and 26 females in our own lot, 4 in Glasscocks lot and 3 in Bill's lot, in all 47.

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June 22 - Hot and dry, all well. This is 3rd day of Frank's hauling cotton to Shelton's gin. Total amount 11500 lbs. 700 lbs from 11500 leaves 10800 lbs. 2/3 of 10800 is 7200 - 7200 at 2½ cts makes $180.

June 23 - No entry. All well, Cal goes to Paris for bailing.

June 24 - Very warm. George to H. G. Clint hauling rails. Frank goes to gin with bagging and ties. Cost $24.48.

June 25 - All well, I go to meeting at Forest Hill and take Mrs. Glasscock and 3 of her children. Mr. Carr preached twice. He is a pleasant speaker and very probably a good man. But woefully Priest Ridden. He would doubt the immortality of the soul, were it not for Revelation. I say, what a fool to believe in Revelation.

June 26 - Jane sick with Neuralgy and Nettle Rash. Clint making fence. John Richter came at night.

June 27 - John worked from dinner till night. Clint finished hauling rails.

June 28 - All well, very hot. We dread the droughth. John Rickler began to work for us at $14 per month. We board him and wash shirt and drawers for week. His horse ran away with rope rail. I hunted him but didn't find him. I fear he will not be found alive. I'm sorry for John.

June 29 - Great signs for rain last evening but no rain here. Baby born at Bettie's and George's. I think Clint and John will hunt John's horse. Cotton blossom yesterday. Cotton fine, corn wilted. They found the horse soon. Good luck.

June 30 - No entry made that day. Preacher Carlton and many others passing. Clint makes big gate. I spent about 2 hours trying to read A. Wright's letter to me. He labors much to convince me that the spirit of dead folks teach us. But - But - But.

July 1 - Pleasant, all well. Moses goes to mill. Clint hangs big gate. Moses got meal for us.

July 2 - Clint went to, don't know - I didn't go to singing. Jim and Frank went and Johnson.

July 3 - No entry made that day. John went to Paris. Milking.

July 4 - I am now writing by candlelight. Holey (girl) has been here about six days. She began on the 4th day of July 1871. She works well. Frank, Moses and Bill started to Jefferson with 11 bales of cotton. I fear for their luck but hope. Party at Kyhendall's. Clint and Jim and Johnson went.

July 10 - All well, very warm. I made no entries in book. The stage mules came here on Saturday the eighth day of July 1871. Brot by Aug Hillman. I think that $60 specie per month is the price.

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sc July 12 - All well, the calves to the pasture.

sc July 13 - All well, Jane to Saylon's wife.

sc July 13 - Daytime, we are alarmed on account of the drouth. Clint bot barrell flour ay $10.50. Lake Wilson's brother is here. Mrs. Ward here. George and Jim Jarnes digging out the old well. I think I ought to write to Thos. Wood and A. Knight.

sc July 15 - The fair at H. G. Clint went. The fair folks cleared about $116 over expenses. Great party at Clint's. A very fine time indeed, nothing wrong.

sc July 21 - I am making an entry for the last week. Clint is fixing to haul hay. Moses and Bill got home yesterday. Frank will come.

sc July 22 - Drizzling rain. Show company here.

sc July 25 - Little rain. Hard time on the corn. I think our corn will be lighter than for 10 years.

sc July 26 - Frank and James Glosscock started to the lumber mills yesterday. Ribble cutting hay.

July 27,28, 29, 30 - No entry made. Boys getting hay.

sc July 31 - I am getting to neglect my entries in this book so much that I feel guilty. The task of helping milk every morning is the great hindrance to my making regular entries. I will try to do better - but may not.

sc Aug. 1 - Still daytime. All well, Clint hauled the 9th load of hay last night and is gone for the 10th load. Frank and Jim Glasscock got back Sunday night. I think that Clint should lay in a very large amount of hay. The corn will be rance. The imagration large and perhaps the winter hard and long.

sc Aug. 2 - All well, two loads hay yesterday make 11 loads. I go for roasting ears to the late corn across the road. Cool time today. Clint goes for 12th load of hay. Brot 12th load. The hay is put up rather green.

sc Aug. 3 - All well, Mr. Spiva and wife started to Dallas to collect money. Clint goes for 13th load. Calvin and Tip came from Bullards Creek. A walker man staid.

sc Aug. 4 - No entry. Clint hauled his 15th load of hay. Perhaps is done haying, but he ought to have.

sc Aug. 5 - Dreadful day. I began a letter to A. J. and E. V. Martin this morning, wrote one page. I purpose writing in the morning. Clint and Johnson grinding up tools. Sunday, no entry, Monday, none.

sc Aug. 8 - All well, Clint, Johnson and Jim to timber for poor timber.

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sc Aug. 9 - 1871 Clint, Johnson and James at timber for board timber. Cal and Frank hauling hay. Jim Glasscock cutting hay for Budd. Dry time, dry time, dry time.

sc Aug. 11 - All well, Jane and I go to milk.

sc Aug. 12 - I went to mill for Black Bill. Bot my plush hat and dress for Jane. I saw Old Milamact Dog.

sc Aug. 13 - Jane and I staid at home. Bro. Parkhill preached Mr. Brigants' funeral. Large crowd.

sc Aug. 14 - Distressed by dry and hot. Nailed up the road well.

sc Aug. 15 - All well, Mr. and Mrs. Spiva left for Missouri. Johnson and Jim sawing board lumber.

sc Aug. 15 - Jane and I talk of going to Amandas'.

sc Aug. 16 - Jane and I went to Amandas. Came to Clints evening. Found things in tolerable good order.

sc Aug. 17 - Jane and I went to Amandas.

sc Aug. 20 - All well, William Canada and wife and three children came to see us. Hannah says its about three years since I was at her house or saw her. She has 2 babies I never saw before. I suppose Bill and Hannah are making out well for a living. Good luck to them.

sc Aug. 23 - Wednesday, 2 o'clock a. m. A man who had just been shot came into the house galery where I was sleeping. I felt the blood on his face. I took him into the house. He said that he was one of the three that past here this evening before a foot. That one of the three , name of White, had shot him and the other man. He didn't know whether the other man was dead or not. He said his own name was Emerson. He tried to tell the other man's name but we couldn't understand, his mouth was so bad shot. I learn that he (wounded man)wrote his, the dead man's, name at Parris (Miller). This Miller was found dead at the camp. Shot in the head. Moses and Johnson took the wounded man and dead man to Paris. Clint and Jim Glasscock captured the murderer White in Paris the same day and took him before the wounded man Emerson and Emerson recognized him. So White was put in Jail the same day that he murdered the man who was his comrade - I fear he will somehow miss what he deserves. I mean hanging. I would be pleased to see him dangling at the end of a rope today. Sure.

sc Aug. 24 - I loaned Clint $20 . I had paid 8 dollars for coffee. So he owes me twenty eight dollars now.

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sc Aug. 25 - 1871 A pretty rain yesterday morning. Wet - one and half inches. I sowed turnips this morning. Clint and Jim plowed in. I hope they will do well.

Aug. 26 - All well, no entry.

sc Aug. 27 - All well, Cling went to Naoma.

sc Aug. 28 - Great Connor speaking at Honey Grove. He was ably answered by Judge Scott. No fuss that day. I see that Texas is about "gone up". It is said that taxes will be $2.25 on $100. It hurts, hurts, Sure.

sc Aug. 29 - Our wells are almost dry. Bad show.

sc Aug. 30 - No entry these days. Slag dance at Cal's on Sept. 1.

sc Sept. 1 - All well, great barbacue at Rush's. Connor and Scott made speeches. Very good.

sc Sept. 2 - Clint sick. Moses, Sidney, Johnson and Jim G. all went to Paris, to the speaking. Home at dark.

Sept. 3 - At home. Glasscocks went to Naoma, big time.

sc Sept. 4 - All well, Clint and Moses and Johnson went for criblogs. Judge Bennet, Wright and Hale past up.

sc Sept. 5 - I went to Grove for well rope, spade, nails.

sc Sept. 6 - Clint began to dig in well at stable. William helps. Moses hauling criblogs, also Johnson. Holey is here for a new month, began yesterday.

sc Sept. 7 - All well, I have written a letter to Frank Lesley for Tip. I go to Grove for well rope for Calvin and Lowell.

sc Sept. 8 - All well, found water in the well in cotton.

sc Sept. 9 - All well, Essert here. Clint and Bill working in well.

Sept. 10 - No entry that day. All at home.

sc Sept. 11 - Clint, Johnson and Bill cutting cuckle burrs. Stag horse shoer shoing the mules.

sc Sept. 12 - All well, three policemen here. George Pitman here. Blacksmith and footman here. Only one chicken to eat. We are using 4 wells and yet lack water. Dreadful time.

sc Sept. 13 - No entry. Working at cotton well.

sc Sept. 15 - Clint working on Glasscock's crib. Jenny has sore arm.

sc Sept. 16 - No entry. Clint put rafters on crib.

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sc Sept. 17 - All well, Jane and I stay at home all day. Clint goes to see his gal. Johnson to singing.

sc Sept. 18 - Very cloudy. A traveler here without money. I shall put him to work I think until he pays his bill. Harris was taking bale of cotton to St. Louis to fair.

sc Sept. 19 - Great rain. All well, Mr. Walker of Jefferson here. Muddy roads. Grass will grow.

sc Sept. 20 - Jane and I go to Manda's. Clint covering Glasscock's stable. Johnson after firewood.

sc Sept. 21 - At Hugh's. Amanda came home with Jane and me. Brot 18 lbs sugar, well bucket and pulley. Stage stand moved from Clint's. Paid up.

sc Sept. 22 - All well. Amanda here. Jane, Amanda and I will go Wm. McEven's today. Fine weather. Jane, Amanda and I went to McEven's. Found him and Catherine both sick. I and little Willie went after puke root. Got half sack full.

sc Sept. 23 - At Wm. McEven's. He and wife sick. Jane, Amanda and I took supper at Cal's. Amanda staid at Cal's all night.Jane and I came home and found Billy Budd and two others at the house. Clint well.

sc Sept. 24 - All well, fine morning. Jane and I will go to meeting.

sc Sept. 25 - Jane & I went with Amanda home.

sc Sept. 26 - Jane and I came back in good health.

sc Sept. 27 - Jane and I went to Calvin's. Took 3 bushels wheat.

sc Sept. 28 - Jane and I went to Paris for Field Notes (words)

sc Sept. 29 - Surveyed. We began at the S. E. corner of Andy Ward survey run north 1900 vas or 320 po to the N. E. corner, continued north 1331 vas or 225 po. to S. W. corner of the Mat Ward apse of Jas. Hodges continued 269varas or 453 poles to a point three poles north of my old S. W. corner. Hence east thro field 158 poles to east edge of east hedge. Taking off 2.3.34 from the old Rutherford survey up east to the east hedge.

sc Sept. 30 - All well, Killed a beef, weighed 400 lbs. M. Glasscock got 100 lbs hind qrtr. Bill Buckle 101 lb, Ribble 84 lbs. and Cal 15 or 18 lbs. I help Frank stack up lumber.

sc Oct. 1 - I wish to go to singing.

sc Oct. 2 - Rain. I wish to Mrs. Morgan's to see Bennet, Hobbs, Burgher about the new road.

sc Oct. 3 - Election begins today. Bryant and Connor. I am not decided which I shall vote for. The people of the south are dreadfully opposed Radical Rule is hard to bear and Democrat Rule now would likely be no better.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD - 1870

sc Oct. 3 - 1871 I don't think that the people of the south will feel that they are in good condition in twenty years from today. Dark view.

sc Oct. 4 - I have a weak knee, paralsys perhaps. I may never be well again. Clint will get $4 this morning from 4 travelers, I guess.

sc Oct. 5 - Some mules say 25, paid $4. I sold hides to ~~xxxxx~~. Baneroft for $6.25. Clint hauled picketing for stable.

sc Oct. 6 - Jane went to Parker's wife. Last day of the election for Bryant and Connor.

sc Oct. 7 - All well, Jane at Parker's yet. But came home this morning. Child born last night. Calvin went to Mat Brown's for tax money yesterday. I have had my mule (Lincoln) up three days, keeping from his mother. Sam Hatcher here last night going to lumber mills.

sc Oct. 8 - Jane's Pegrams to see his wife. Lying in.

sc Oct. 9 - Jane and Clint both absent. Jim and I got breakfast. Glascock about to haul rent corn to Calvin's.

sc Oct 10 - Rain. Clint goes after lathing to timber, also Johnson goes. I reckon Clint will begin to repair the house roof before long.

sc Oct. 11 - All well, putting roof on kitchen. Tax paying at Cochrons. I shall go tomorrow.

sc Oct 12 - All well, I shall go to Cochrons today.

sc Oct. 13 - I paid $221.50 tax. About $60 was deducted for 2 qrs of the school tax. But will have to be paid hereafter, I suppose. The full amount was $282.31 for the year 1871.

sc Oct. 14 - All well, I go to Honey Grove. I didn't go, great rain. Mr. Bounds and son came Friday night. Head drove mules.

sc Oct. 15 - All well, muddy. Mr. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Brame here, also Bounds and son and mules.

sc Oct. 17 - I went to Honey Grove. Got 50 lbs nails. Pair winter shoes for myself, vial calomel.

sc Oct. 18 - At home, all well. Clint covering house.

sc Oct. 19 - I went to fair to Paris. Staid all night at old friend Wesley's. Went into fair. Bot 28 ft. of tin guttering at 20 cts per foot $5.60.

sc Oct. 20 - Came from fair. Got home at night.

sc Oct. 21 - All well, rain. Covering house.

sc Oct. 22 - Pedlar here all day. Paid $3.00.

sc Oct. 23 - All well, Clint came home from gal's house. Jane bot table linen $1.80. I lent 50¢ to Cate.

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sc Oct. 24 - 1871 All well, Frank took 4 persons to Red River to help him make shingles. Rain. Clint killed beef last Monday. Uncle Lea got 148 lbs. Moses and Ribble got some.

sc Oct. 25 - All well, Moses and James began to haul cotton to Shelton's gin. Bill hauls 3 loads of corn to Frank. 16 bushels to the load.

sc Oct. 26 - Great rain last night. Bill Yearington came last night, also Scruggs. Clint covering north side house. Jane washing. I am assisting. Hard times.

sc Oct. 27 - All well, Campbell staid last night. Clint on house roof at work. I mould candles. Bill Buckle to mill. I hear that Bob Caldwell killed. Collins 25 inst.

sc Oct. 28 - Mr. Sloan here. Clint sick. We have no cook but my wife, but she cooks well. I have just whitted my pen, but it is no better.

sc Oct. 29 - No entry. James G. and Bill J. went to Naoma.

sc Oct. 30 - Rainy day. Perkins in Simmons house. Smith in east room. R. Stuart and Gid McClendon here.

sc Oct. 31 - Cloudy and cold and muddy. Clint put floor in north porch yesterday. Johnson don't work today.

sc Nov. 1 - Frost. Tom Pettigrew, Floyd Rosie, Johnson and others here. Clint finishing house roof. I told Roise to go into my house if Mrs. Shelton was willing. Gave Nero, dog away, also puppy away.

sc Nov. 2 - Frost. All well, Clint goes to Paris to pay tax. Frank came from the Cedar break yesterdat with Jim J. Lula K. and Frank E. He says he has timber for enough shingles for his house.

sc Nov. 3 - All well, Burgher, Jim G., Bill J., Clint and myself all went and surveying 997 poles which is the sum of 1900 vas, 1331 v and 2691 vas over our old Begne Cornes 3 po and 7 sint. The chain was 1½ inches too long. We should deduct 3 po and 3/4 of a pole. Burgher heard Clint and Ribble disagree. Ribble asked rent for 2 years.

sc Nov. 4 - All well, Fine party at Kykindall's last night. Johnson, Clint and myself measured from theS. E. corner of the A. Ward survey. North to my old beginning corner being the North west corner or beginning of the Hodges surtvey. 997 poles andone third of a pole, being one third of a pole over the calls of the survey. Ribble's land is 107½ poles wide. It ought to be 106 poles. The chain was too long. Clint is done proposing to buy land of Ribble. I suppose he thinks he will risk a law suit. I think he is safe. If it goes into law Esqr. Y. B. will be objected to as a surveyer, for when his Spanish chain was shown to be too long by 3 3/4 inches he refused to have it made right. length which was 27 ft. He seemed to love a false measure. Shame on a man who loves a lie.

sc Nov. 5 - All well, Clint goes to Hugh's. I think I will go to Benham for the papers. Jane and myself went to see Tip and Rebecca and the babies. Six wagons camp before the door.

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Nov. 6 - 1871 All well, Clint came from Bonham. He was at Hugh's but the girls didn't come to see Clint married.

Nov. 7 - Great rain. Clint went to be married. Was married at 10 o'clock a.m. to Judie Craddock at her father's house. He put himself and Judie in the buggy and came home before supper the same day. We had a fine supper by candlelight. Calvin and wife and babies, Glascoks and Ribble all here.

Nov. 8 - All well, muddy time. I am well pleased with my new daughter. She is a pretty woman and I hope a good one. I hope she may enjoy a long, healthy and happy life.

Nov. 9 - Made no entry this day. Jane and I went to Mart Wilsons. Staid all night. I got Mart to look at my house. He says he will work it some.

Nov. 10 - I paid tax $19.66. Kan McKee wants the east part of my house. So does A. A. Rutherford. Mose to Jeff. Clint and Judie went to H. R. Stephens'.

Nov. 12 - Rainy day. Eight wagons here last night. Bot no corn. Two travelers here, paid $2. It is now 3 o'clock p. m. and I am all alone. Perhaps I may go for Jane tomorrow.

Nov. 13 - Rainy day. Johnson and Maria and no more. A family in east room. A dreadful muddy time. Jane is at H. G. Clint and his little blossom hasn't returned yet. Jas. Glasscock got 9 lb dry beef, 60¢. Had got 3 lbs once before 20¢. Bill Buckle 10½ lbs dry beef, 80¢.

Nov. 14 - Ice on the ground. All well. Frank all right. Jane at Wilson's yet. Clint and his little blossom not home yet. Bill Buckle goes to mill. Johnson cuts wood. I think I ought to write to J. P. Mendum and send $3.50 for the paper and $6.50 for the Paine Hall.

Nov. 15 - All well. Jane at Wilson's. Kitchen roof finished. Yesterday was Judie's birthday, 17 yrs.

Nov. 16 - All well, great party at Harman Anderson's last night. Clint and wife there.

Nov. 17 - I come from Hugh's to Wilson's and then home.

Nov. 18 - Rain last night. 4 wagons before the door. Clint killed beef yesterday weight 480 lbs.

Nov. 18 - All well, Jane at Wilson's. Clint and Bill talking. $244.50 Specie value of a note on James Hamilton, which I this day handed to H. R. Stephens to trade for the said Hamilton's place. The note is made payable in United States Currency (greenback).

Nov. 19 - At home. Judie and I went to Calvin's . Jane is at Martin Wilson's yet, and will be there the next ten days perhaps. Bad luck.

Nov. 20 - Clint began to plow in the pasture. Jesse Kydendall here.

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Nov. 21 - Sam Hatcher and Jesse Knyle here. Jane at Wilson's yet. Court begins. Wrote to J. P. Mendum. Sent $5.00.

Nov. 22 - Clint and wife go to Craddock's. Jane not home yet. The poor cripple, Sims here. I go to secure the apple trees from rabbits.

Nov. 23 - Clint sick. Judie making shotbush. I go to Honey Grove with plows to be sharpended.

Nov. 24 - At. M. Wilsons, Jane there. She went to store with me. I pd Blacksmith Fuquay $4. I bot goods. I came home at sunset. Sick child here. Dr. Dailey visited it. Charged $5.00. Two policemen and prisoner.

Nov. 25 - The sick child still alive but bad. Jane at Martin Wilson's yet. She will hardly be home in another week. Clint and Johnson plowing the oxen. I call it slow business. He ought to plow his two horses, and hire boy to drive oxen for Johnson.

Nov. 26 - Very windy and cloudy. The sick child is here yet. Dr. Bullet is here. Sent for last night to see the child. They are in the east room. Also another husband and wife and baby 5 weeks old in east room. Jane is not home yet. I think the party will be a failure on account of the sick child. The child has fits or spasms. I wouldn't do to have the while the child dying, but I hope it will not die. I brought my new coat from Tipp's yesterday. I think I'll go to Forest Hill today if it clears off soon.

Nov. 27 - Jane not home yet. Douglas and wife and sick child here yet. Dr. Bullet here yet. Child better. Jim Glasscock takes two bales cotton to Paris today. He sold one and left the other at Dr. Clements.

Nov. 29 - Jane not home yet. Douglas here. Clint plowing. Jim G. and Johnson gone out to get hands to the party. It will come off Friday night.

Nov. 30 - Great sleet, last night. Clint goes to Paris to witness against White. Big snow. Kirkham for dinner and supper and all night.

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Sept. 10 - Drizzling rain. Jane is very well this morning for her condition. I also am very well, shall not go to meeting today and perhaps never may go to meeting again til I go to the big meeting in the spirit land.

Sept. 11 - All well, Frank and Jim gone out maybe to see about cattle, I don't know.

Sept. 12 - Little George is sick. Jane up and at work. Frank didn't come home last night.

Sept. 13 - No one up but myself. I purpose beginning to read thro the sixteen crucified saviour this morning. The solemn thought rises in my mind, "shall I ever finish it? I hope I shall. How I am procrashnating the trip to Amanda's to renew her note. Also the settlement with Ryan. If Frank would stay at home I could get off I think.

Sept. 13 - I wrote the above 7 lines before day. I write this after sunrise. Frank's not at home.

Sept. 14 - All well, Frank not at home. Don't know where he is. Tis said he is gone with Frank Embree for lecinse. Tis said Embree is to be married to Texa Price today, but I don't think so. I learned the marriage took place. Very good match.

Sept. 15 - Jessee Herd and Tip Hurd are both sick. Jane is in better health than usual. I have shelled corn for milling. I think Calvin is getting along with his gin very well. I didn't go over today. It is thought that Mose Glascock's child is about to die.

Sept. 16 - I am up before day. The morning is quite cool. I'm too cool with my thin coat on. If Frank would stay at home a few days I think I would go to Amanda Stephens'. I ought to go to renew her note.

Sept. 17 - Jane and I are in good health as usual. Frank was at home but has gone again. I shall go and see Cal and Tip. I think Cal is getting along with his gin very well. Tho I think he is in a tight place. He may involve himself too deep and see trouble.

March 15 - 1877 No one up but me. I certainly will write to D. M. Wocher today. Frank and Johnson were at the Polimic society last night. I am uneasy about old cow Ringer. She lay out last night. I'll go right now and make a fire in the stove.

March 16 - Dreadful windy. Frank, Johnson, Joe, Cate here. Jane in pretty good health so am I. Boys going to swing oats. I think I'll go to look for cows and calves.

March 17 - No one up but me. Clinton is here in bed with little George. He has been to Paris, but don't tell what. I have just received nine copies of the same issue and date viz 17 March 1877 of R. P. Journal. It has my letter in it. Brother S. S. Jones was very thoughtful and extremely kind to send me that package of papers. I suppose it was a free gratis case but I'll try to do as much for him and that act will augment my own happiness. So it is all self.

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March 18 - 1877 All well, Jane, Frank Johnson, Joe, George, Joe Krykendall. I think I'll go to hear Brother Good preach. I ought to take a copy or two of the R. P. J. to donate.

March 19 - I have written a letter to D. M. H. in which I tell him not to use a surveyor. That I can do that thing. I ask him to report his best offer for the land and if I like it I'll make the deed forthwith. Poor Clinton will leave today. We are all pretty good health. I went to Brookston with Clint. Little George and Mose, I met Mrs. Polls at her own house. She made herself exceedingly interesting and seemed to take much delight in showing extra friendship. In a word she seems to be a noble woman. I have promised to try to take my wife to see her. Oh, how I did hate to take little George's hand perhaps for the last time. I could hardly keep the big tear from starting into the light of the world.

March 20 - I wrote the last entry this morning. Jane is up in common health. The boys are very well this morning. The boys are digging a custurn at the pool. Tip is here helping prepare for the wedding. Received a ticket from My. Krykendall to take supper with him.

March 21 - This morning is an eventful period in our family. The most exciting subject is that of Frank's marriage, which is to take place tomorrow evening. He has gone in the wagon to Paris today. Tip is here helping Jane and Cate make the cake. I hope it will all go off well. I am perfectly recoinciled to the match. I hold that Frank would do wrong to not marry Elby, if he respects her. It is likely that he prevented her from marrying some other man. I hold that if she be weakly he is under heavier obligations to contribute to her support than any other man in the world. He got back from Paris in good time.

March 22 - No one up but me. I rose at 3. I have a good fire. This is the dawn of the day which is to be a day long to be looked back to by Frank and Elby, either with gladness or regret. I have a comfortable hope that they will promote their happiness by the connection, I felt impressed yesterday to give Frank some very delicate advice in regard to his manner and conduct towards his wife in regard to the frequency of the sexual embrace. I admonished him not to subject his wife to conception for several months. I know that the young wife should be kept in a pleasant condition of mind during the whole period of gestation for the sake of the offspring as well as that of the mother. I know that Frank is intelligent on the duties of a husband toward a wife. But I doubt his moral courage to do his duty in the matter. I hold that no man can fail in his duties to his wife and not suffer for it. The day of retribution is sure to come and often with a vengeance. But my comfort is that he who is forewarned is half-armed. Jane is not getting up yet.

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March 22 - 1877 7 o'clock p. m. I and Joe are here and no one else. Jane went to Calvin's to go with him and Tip to Krykendall's to take supper with them. The ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ supper is a wedding supper of Frank and Elby. I am well pleased with the match. Parson Good is to officiate. So the Parson came here in the evening and went with Frank to the place for the ceremony.

Copy - Honey Grove, Texas. April 4, 1877.
Dear Truth Seeker, after my respects I beg leave to ask the publication (Grattes) of the following singular but sincre request. I sincerely request every man woman and child that thinks the Bible tells more immoral nasty tales on the God than it does on the Devil, to drop me a Postal Card. Simply telling me who, where and what. My name is J. A. Rutherford, born January 31, 1799 and I have been living and thinking continually ever since. I neither use tobacco or drink whiskey. My neighbors call me the "honest conscientious old infidel". The world is my home and to do good is my religion. All news papers that have the moral courage to copy, are respectfully requested to do so.
J. A. Rutherford.

Copy * Honey Grove, Texas. April 5, 1877
Dear Truth Seeker, after my respects I beg leave to ask the publication in your columns (Gratis) of the following singular but sincere request. I sincerely request every professor of the Christian Religion, who believes that Jesus Christ was the son of a man and not the son of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ a ghost to drop me a postal card with this "Yes" as the message. Also telling "sho" and where. I respectfully request every newspaper in the United States that has the moral courage to copy and look to his conscience for the pay.
Address J. A. Rutherford, Honey Grove, Texas

Copy - Honey Grove, Texas, April 8, 1877
Dear R. P. Journal, Chicago, Ill. Do you yet live? I remember, if you do not, that you was a mere child when I first made your acquaintance. I watched you till you became a man. Yes a giant. And you will permit to say the longer I knew you, the better I loved you. While you have attained to a famous maturity I have stepped down into old age. Well, I hope that nothing will cut our sociality. But one or the other stepping down and out of this mundane sphere - But your Grand Architect has fallen, has fallen. And who can hear it without a heart pang? But the consolation is, we can bear anything we can't prevent. We can submit, and hope that the untimely and cruel fall of S. S. Jones may give a greater impetus to his much loved cause, than nay other incident ever did. Under my present impulse I will make this request of the Spiritualists of the United States: Let each one who hopes that the dear cause will be accelerated instead of retarded by the untimely death of the lamented brother drop me a P. C. with this message thus "Yes" with date, name and place. At least that, but more if you choose.
Fraternally, J. A. Rutherford

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June 12 - 1877 I am up at 2 a. m. I am in usual health. I feel that I ought to begin a letter to Brother and Sister Wood. We have lived a long time and must change worlds before long. I have not seen them for about 42 years. I have a faint hope that we shall meet in a happy world after we leave this world. But I can't say that I know it.

June 26 - Fine rain last night. The oats tied but not schocked. I have just received a copy of the Truth Seeker Collection. I think I shall select a piece to be read at my funeral and let my friends know what piece it is. I feel at a loss to know how to provide for that occasion. And who would not feel at a loss? A question is, who will be my surviving friends? And again, where shall I leave my wish recorded so that those surviving friends will be sure to find it in due time? And who will read. Must I select the reader and tell him so? Oh, how I am at a loss to know who to select to read my funeral ~~xxxxxx~~ sermon. I would be glad if I could expect the spirit of S. S. Jones to be present and read that speech and make one extempore. The foregoing notice would do to direct my survivors, but who will ever turn to this book and this page to find my request in the course of due time for the funeral occasion? It is not at all likely anyone would. So it is plain that my will and wish in the case must be made known to my survivors in some other way. But how, I don't now quite see plain.

July 1 - Frank came home yesterday and about 4 head of cattle. Two men came with him. I rather think I'll go to Forest Hill today and shall be apt to hear Preacher Lamb tell a good many things for truths which he does not know to be truths. He will be apt to be fool enough to tell a good deal about God when he knows nothing at all about God. Don't even know that there is such a God as he tries to represent.

July 16 - Elba came home this morning. Frank is bring some cattle from Old Billy's Jane is now pretty free from pain just now. Good Matty steamed her this morning. Cate assisted. I went to Mr. Hottengham's to take three children home. Those children had got lost and came about five miles to Matty Hurd's. She started them back and then came up and told us about it. When I heard it, I felt that it was my duty to hunt them and find them if I could and take them to their home. I mounted Ginger and Matty's horse and saddle and followed the children's tracks and found them at Sidney Price's. The young woman whose name was Mary rode Matty's horse and took the little boy behind her. I took the little girl behind me. We got to their home safely. Their mother had been in extreme distress. She was weeping to great excess. They gave me a good dinner and thanked beyond measure. The mother talked about paying me. I told her I has as live steal as to take pay. Perhaps I did a better deed than taking those children home. The conscienousness of the good deed was its own reward.

July 28 - Mr. Ribble died about 4 this morning. I saw him late yesterday evening. I was certain he would not be here many hours. I think he died as well reconciled to die as any person I ever saw die. I don't think he had the least reliance on Jesus as a Saviour. I think he expected to live again in a better world than the present world. I hope all is well with him and that I may meet him again in the spirit land. Oh shall we meet again? I think Jane is better than she was last night. Calvin is minding the flies off her. Calvin is very kind and affectionate to his mother. I went to Ribble's and got them to put off the burying till Sunday(tomorrow) 11 a. m. Jane slept some.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD 1876

April 22-1877 copy

Coshorton, Ohio, April 22, 1877
John A. Rutherford, Honey Grove, Texas.
My Dear Sir: I have just read your request in the Truth Seeker which by the way is a Grand good paper, and I hasten to place my name upon your list of those that think that the Bible tells more nasty stories of the God than it does of the Devil. If we take that old book for authority, in fact the Devil is by far the greatest gentleman, moralist and philanthropist of the two. For it is not recorded of him that he did a downright mean and dishonorable act. But in tracing the history of God as recorded by his agents and inspired attornies, We find him doing many things that would postively make a Digger Indian blush with shame and remorse. Saying nothing about the downright nastiness, vulgarity and obscenity promulgated by his command and inspiration. He showed himself to be heartless, cruel, and brutal as well as smutty. And yet an enlightened class of people pay homage to the God of the Bible and admire the smut and vulgarity of his record. We point to the Hindoos as Idolaters, yet there is no christian nation that is not quite as rediculous Idolaters as the most benighted heathen. But I am thankful that the world is merging from the darkness of the past and here and there, much oftener than it occurred fifty years ago, we find a J. A. Rutherford who has pluck enough to let it be known that he does his own thinking. It is growing in that way everywhere. There are fifty people in this little town who think just as you and I do about these things. I presume I am the only one among them who dares face Mrs. "Grundy" and tell you so just now. There will be more in five years and still more in ten years, because the forces of nature are stirring up the mental elements into a hurricane - a cyclone that is bound to sweep away the rubbish and garbage of the present and purify the atmosphere sooner or later. I was born in 1818 and like you have been thinking and I feel to be thankful that my lot was cast in this age of the world where one can feel and realize that the world does move. I have no doubt that you feel the same degree of gratitude as you near the end of your mission in the body. What is also gratifying to me is, that tangible proof that life and immortality have been brought to light in this age in the phenomena. Proofs brot to the comprehension of the five senses that now is becoming so prevalent in teaching the philosophy of life. Of course you will understand that I refer to what is known as modern spiritualism, misrepresented, slandered and hated worse than any other child ever born. Yet it is growing to a vigerous manhood, going through the experiment of pursecution that all useful children have or ever had to encounter in fighting their way. It is possible you may not agree with me in this - That you are a materialist. But if you do not, I can clasp you by the hand just as warmly as a liberal without the chains of bondage upon his mental facilities. Spiritualism like everything else requires proof to confirm. Those who have never had the proof are not to blame for not believing. I fought long and zealously in the interest of prpularity and prejudice. But when it came home to me how could I reject it? You may be a deist, I judge you are as you quote Lorn Paine's religion, and he believed in one God while I reject all Gods as personal entities, reject all theories of a God creation of the earth at a given ~~time~~ time or the creation of anything else by a creating hand. This peculiarity of my infidelity however, is not characteristic of most spiritulists, many of them cling to the trimmings of old theology. Please excuse me for taxing you with so long a letter, and hope you can read my very poor scratching, I will hope to meet and exchange views in the next condition if not before,
Very truly your Brother,

W. S. Wood

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Aug. 11 - 1877 — I write at sunset. I got thro the day without much fever. Tip's sister Mary Smith here. I have almost no discharge from the bowell but experience very little pain in the bowels. Jane is still improving. The boys fixed the cistern today and hauled a good deal of water and put into it. George went to the Grove.

Aug. 12 - Jane and I are both still improving a little. Jane is very irritable and spitiful. I think she has injured her show for getting well by getting in such fret and talking so much exciting talk. She said a great many hard things without a good cause. I refrained from saying a word to make her more wild than she was. She was only acting out. Frank and Elba went off to Old Billy's. George went to camp meeting and Johnson was a trip with the waggon to the river for rails. So Jane and I were here most of the day by ourself. I had many sad, melancholly thought during the day, about the neglect that old folks must experience and indeet bear that their children think it would be as well if the old folks would die. They cant do anymore good in this world. But if that is nature we must all submit to it cheerfully as we can.

Aug. 23 - All pretty well. Frank cutting hay. George sick yesterday but hauling hay today. Jane is going about over the house doing a heap of little things. I hope she will goon be well as usual. I have just finished writing a petition for Overseer of Road from Robinson's house to west line of Lamar County. I expect Usry Owen to take charge of it.

Aug. 26 - Big meeting at Forest Hill. Frank and Elba gone to the meeting. George Walker very sick. Wesley Wood here, he is sick.

Aug. 31 - Dreadful dry time. Summer gois out today and serious Autumn comes in to remind us of old ate. Some of the boys went to the big meeting last night. I have not heard Jesus doing much business at the big meeting yet. Jane is still at Calvin's yet. I think the boys will work at hay. I feel that I ought to write to Brother T. J. Wood today. It strikes me that he or sister or both are dead.

Sept 12, Sept. 13 - I hope we are all in usual good health. James Glascock here, George Walker, Johnson, Wesley Wood and Jim G. is working very well. Johnson and Wood are grunty. I wish I had courage ~~to go to Honey Grove~~ go to Honey Grove today. Frank ought to go after plank. If he goes I think I'll go also. Calvin's mill is out of order. The stone is loose in spindle.

Sept 14 — to 30 — Oct 1 to 18

Oct. 19 - Rain and mud, all well. Cousin William Rutherford here, going up the country He says he will move to Frank's place on Red River in 2 or 3 weeks. I must go to Honey Grove this evening to trade with Dock Shaw.

Nov. 2 - All well, Frand and Johnson take two wagons to the river. I wish to go up to Marion Tidwell to see a cow and calf which I bought from him on his note at $16. I fear the calf is in poor condition. I ought to bring it here put it in the hay lot at the Pool. I ought to go to Honey Grove today or tommorrow

Oct. 9 - Very cloudy, looks like snowing. Cunningham and Dodson from Roane County, Tenn. here. Jane rather worse off than usual. Frank and Elba get up so late.

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Oct. 10 - 1877 Greatest frost. All well, Frank said last night that he had paid me the $21 which I had Ryan for him. He says it was put in a note he gave me. But I know it was never put in any note. He has not given me any note since I had the account from Ryan. I have since looked at the list of notes and find that the last note he gave me is dated August the first 1875. So to tell the least he was not telling the matter wrong.

Oct. 11 - Mr. Thomas, ~~xxx~~ an old man born in 1796, I regard him as a wonderful man, in body and mind. He was very interesting to us. I hope to recollect him with special respect during life.. He has been living at Plano. He knows Thomas Kennedy well. I think we are all in pretty good health this morning. This is a worn out pen. I have to put it extremely light on the paper. What a plain hand I write for a man of my age.

Copy - Letter to J. M. Dunn
At home, Oct 4, 1877
J. M. D. Dear Sir, you recollect that on yesterday I proposed to you that you would publish in the Honey Grove Independent, an article of mine as found in the Texas Common Sense. I handed you the paper and I suppose you read the article. You proposed to publish it rather as an advertisement, setting it at $10. I now say "Good" "All Right". If Stephen Gerard, James Lith and a thousand others could cheerfully give their thousands to rescue their fellow beings from the bondage of Priestcraft, I can afford to give the Wedon "Nite". The true Philanthropist will back his counsel with his cash. That article was written with the hope that it might be of benefit to some of my fellow beings. The world is my country and to do good is my religion. Upon the receipt of a copy of that issue of the Independent containing said article I will hand you the $10. Sir, you can publish this letter if you think proper.
Yours with respect,
J. A. Rutherford.

Copy - To D. M. Bennett and R. Peterson
Honey Grove, Texas, Nov. 6, 1877
Dear Brothers in Free Thought, Please permit your old brother, J. A. Rutherford, who has been on this planet almost 79 years and in Texas more than 42 to express a slight censure on his much esteemed friends, Bennet and Peterson. Each of you know that I have read your paper from its birth. You also know that I had the pleasure of having the notorious Stephenson and Nichols at my house at the same time. I wish here to say, lest I forget, that I think that I had good grounds to regard Nichols as a very worthy young man. He worked several months on a farm in two or three miles from my house and left in good credit. As for that Stephenson, I regard him as a mystery. I thought that he was on the brink of crazyness and would likely soon be a ~~xxxx~~ suicide. I was glad when Stephenson left but was sorry to lose Nichols. Now my dear brothers I want you to understand that my present unpleasant feeling arises from the circumstances of the quarrel between two such leaders of a glorious reform. I had just been saying, Give me the trinity consisting of Bennett, Peterson and Ingersol and I could kill off the Old Jew Book in a reasonable time. I wish to write in my blunt style in such a manner as to induce you two to make it up all right yet. Now, if it should appear that my dear brother Peterson is rather the most offending in this mischievous quarrel, surely for my single self I can find an apology. He lost his dear child under the most mortifying corcumstances. Then was sued for $30,000 damages

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Then burnt out, then driven to St. Louis for better support to his paper. I feel like excusing Brother Peterson for being a little too fightly. In asmuchas I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Peterson for more than twenty years and have always found him an honest, industrious and kindhearted man, I think it my duty to say so right here. In conclusion, permit me to saythat I hope to remember in the spirit world many precious truths which I have learned from the Truth Seeker and Common Sense. Yet I feel that it would be a source of sorrow to recollect in the spirit world the Bennett and Peterson quarrel. Like Mrs. E. D. Slinker, I think I would wish the account anonimous. - To err is human. To forgive is devine. When Isaac Newton's little dog knocked a valuable manuscript in the fire, the Philosopher exclaimed, Oh Fido, Fido, thou little knows the mischief thou has done. Please brothers, make the application. Yours for love, truth and justice, Amen.
J. A. Rutherford.
P. S. Please publish this letter and send a copy to R. Peterson, St. Louis, Mo.

Dec. 18 - 1877 All well as usual. Billy K. and another Wagnner here going to Paris with cotton. Clint will go to Paris today, to bring up lumber for Rail Road School house. I went and found Ailsie dead. I went again and brought the colt home and put it in Calvin's lot for I had given it Mitty. He was polite enough to tell me that he was much obliged to me. I have no doubt one of his parents had so instructed him. I was much gratified that he did so. Neither Frank nor Johnson got home that day.

Dec. 19 - This is my birthday as a Texan. On this 19th 42 years ago I landed in Texas. To wit, on the 19 dec. 1835. There was a very pretty snow on the ground on Christmas, 1835, but then I could stand a snow very well. But I dread snow now. There are but few persons now alive who have been in Texas 42 years, I know none but the two Ragsdales. I know but one person in Texas older than I am and that is Brother Cheatham. I wish to go to see one more time at least in this life. He hopes to live after he quits breathing. A very grave question arises here. Shall we breath in the Spirit Land? All I can say is, I don't know. I expect to go to Paris today with Tip for a sewing machine.

Dec. 21 - Drizzling. I have been two hours or more. I have written one page to George Kennedy. I hope I may finish it today. I hope to write to D. M. Bennett before Christmas is coming. It will be here next Tuesday. Big party at Mrs. Ribbles last night. Mr. Dunn steps in. Wants a horse.

Dec. 31 - This is the last day of 1877. Perhaps I shall never see another last day of the year. What good, long letters I used to write to my old friend, Gideon Lincecum about a dozen years ago. I think he was the most intellectual person I ever corresponded with. Perhaps he does not yet live. He was in the habit of complimenting me by alledging to my Christmas letters in a pecularly flattering manner. I have also been in the habit of alluding to my religious condition about New Year's Day. Perhaps it would be in good place to set forth my feelings at present in regard to my impressions about my condition in a spiritual point of view. To begin then, I'll say little or no change has taken place in my Religious Creed for the last two or three years. I think perhaps I am more confirmed in my reliance on Spiritualism. I am satisfied that it lessens the fear of death. That I consider a considerable gain. I still believe there is no such thing in Religion as the pardon of sin. I believe there is

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Dec. 31 - 1877 — sin and that all sins will be purnished and that we will be the final judge to decide when we have been punished enough and that when in the annals of eternity we decide that we have been punished enough we will then be punished no longer. I am suffering with bad cold. Quite bad indeed.

Jan. 1 - 1878 — New Year's Day. Shall I ever see another? On the 31st day of this month I shall be 79. Time flies. Oh, how swiftly. This is a good world but I hope for a better after the change we call death.

Jan 4 - No one up but me, I hope all are well. I have just now come to the conclusion that I will reduce the different notes which I hold on each of my children to one note on each and aim to renew that one note(putting in the interest) every year. Interest at 10% per annum. I think there will be less danger of any note running out of date. But I never expect to collect the notes entirely but I may want some little part of them before I leave this world. My main object is to leave a proper example for my children and others to follow. I do not wish to leave any duty undone. I might remember the neglect with much regret in the Spirit world. I hold that all intellectual beings work for their own happiness. Whether it be God, Angels, Devils or men and so I work for mine. It is dearer to me that that of all other beings in the universe. Great snow. Great snow. Farewell this page.

Jan 20 - All pretty well, I got up at eleven last night and recorded part of a singular dream I had a few minutes before. I think I ought to write to Brother Tom J. Wood today. One or both of us will surely be in the Spirit world before long. So I think it wrong to off till tomorrow for we know not what a day may bring forth.

Jan 24 - I went to see the neighbors yesterday to get help for our unfortunate friend Oscar Jewhan. His house got burnt up a few days ago. I got about $12 promised. We are all well, breakfast very late.

sc Jan 30 - I am up at 4 a. m. Tomorrow will be my birthday. I shall be 79 years of age if I live to see it. I shall be apt to record my feelings in regard to death and the Spirit world. I will now say that I do not percieve much change in my creed in the last year. I do not dread the fate after death any at all. I think I shall live after death.

sc Jan. 31 - 4 a. m. No one up but me. This is my birthday - I suppose I am 79 years of age. I am the oldest man I have heard of in Texas. I am able to write as these marks completely testify. And still further, I suppose I could ride to Honey today if I were to resolve to try to go. However, I feel a little swimming of the head that I don't like. I think that I eat rather too much. I can't hope to live in this world much longer. Well, I think I am as well reconciled to go out of this life as I have ever been. I have a hope of an immortality of happiness. Spiritualism is worth a great deal. Indeed it is a glorious idea.

Lamar Co. Texas
$10 - Ten days after date I promise to pay to John A. Rutherford, or order Ten Dollars interest at ten per cent per annum from date. Value recvd. Witness my hand this 29 April.

J. K. Paden

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Copy ~~xxxx~~ $100. On or before the first day January 1881 I promise to pay to John A. Rutherford or order one hundred dollars with interest at Ten (10) per annum from date. Value recvd. Witness my hand this 23 July One thousand, eight hundred and seventy nine (1879) It is understood that the above $100 is a loan to me to buy lumber for a house to be built at Center Hill for a store house. Now I acknowledge a lien on said lumber or house for the payment of this note.
W. A. Womack

FEB 1 to 10 MAR. 5 to 17 — 19 to 27 — 28 to Apr 6. Apr 7 to 20 — 21 to 30 — May 1 to 19 — 20 to 30 — July 19 to Aug 25 June 1 to 13 - Aug 28 to Sept 17 See Note att

sc July 19 - 1879 — Several waggons go to Paris for lumber for Dr. McClendon. Clint is to go. I send a letter. I didn't send the letter and I was mistaken in the day. The waggon went on Friday. I went to Dr. McClendon's on Saturday.

sc July 24 - All well as usual. I was sick yesterday. I went over to Dr. Mc. to see Womack and Jim Glascock work. I went to Drummond's to see if he would move his shop to Center Hill. I learned that he would move west soon to keep cattle.

July 25 to 27 - Aug 1 to 22 inclusive

sc Aug. 19 - Good time for haying. All well as usual but me. Womack and Jim Glascock go to Paris with Wagons. Camp meeting going on at Spears Spring and Practed meeting at Forest Hill by Cumberlands. I don't go to see how they do.

1879 Aug. 16, letter to President Hayes.
Honey Grove, Texas
John A. Rutherford to his Excellency, Rutherford B. Hayes.
Dear Sir: I am a friend of D. M. Bennett. I pray you release him. Admitted he acted but did he not feel it his duty to do so? It must be plain to any mind, that the punishment is not proportioned to the crime. Dear namesake if you err, err on the side of mercy. I am an old man, born 1799. I mean what I say, I pray you release my friend. And as in duty bound, respectfully

J. A. Rutherford

Aug 22 to 25

Aug. 26 - James K. Glascock and W. A. Womack extent by Old Friend Owen. He will I suppose Mr. Owen is the most Elba miscarried with twins

Aug 28 to Aug 31

1879 — Because he knows no more about God than I do or ever did. Thos. J. Wood, P. C., I tell him I am trying to be as good a man as. I hold he was as good a man as ever lived on earth.

June 14 — Thos. Wood letter to him and Maria.

June 14 to July 5 — 6 to 12

July 13 - I am at Clintons, all well as usual. Thos. J. Wood sent to letter by Mr. Geron to P. O. Thos. G. Kennedy, Postal Card, I tell him we have no use for the ~~xxxx~~ blood of Jesus. George Kennedy, P. C. I tell him I or we have hope of another life.

July 14 to 24

Sept 1 - 1883 — P. M. Scottsboro Ala., Please tell me if T. J. Wood and wife yet live. Thos. J. Wood, P. C. from dated 6, he speaks of mother. Says 59 years ago our mother left us, that we may meet her before 59 years more

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Sept 14 - 1883 Thos. J. Wood. Big Sleet. I send an extract from my diary. Epitaph.

Copy - Pleasure and riches should be renounced when not approved by conscience. Chrishna

Copy - Dowlin, Lamar Co., Texas, Jan. 24, 1884
Mr. Wm. S. Bailey, Dear Sir, A small newspaper came to me yesterday with this title "The Liberal, Nashville, Tenn. Vol. 2, No. 38 dated Apl. 12, 284. In that you say "Short Articles". That suits me. I say short articles and small papers. When we are overcome as I am a sight of a long newspaper piece freightens us off for that time and two to one if we ever get back to it again. I reckon I receive more printed mail matter than any man in my county. I am old. Older than this glorious progressive 19 century. Born January 31, 1799. I rolled thro your very promising town on my way to Texas on the 18 day of October 1835. That day I talked with S. C. Robinson about his colony in Texas. I moved from Franklin Co., Tenn. Some said I was reckless, some said I was right. So I came, I saw, I conquered and yet live. It has been reported that about 50 years ago, someone said, If he owned both Hell and Texas, he would rent out Texas and live in Hell for the sake of society. Well I am glad to know and glad to tell you and the world that no such vile insinuations would be in order now. In truth I am living in the best society I ever saw. I might in round terms say, there are no fighting, quarrelings, drunkenness, swearing, gambling in my part of Texas. We have good common schools every 4 or 5 miles. Liberalism is almost as popular as orthodary or churches. I would be glad to read a no. or 2 of your little paper.

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July 6 - 1884 Bright day, all well as far as I have see yet. Franks on me. This red ink shows better than the green ink. My pen is bad. I don't feel much inclined to go to Center Hill today. I could not do good. Milton Brown was here with Buck Bowen last night. They suit.

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July 7 - Bright morning. Buck and Albert here. All well as usual. I feel very old this morning. I am not willing to die today. I have no fears of being punished in the next world more than I shall then judge is right and just. I shall always be my own judge. When I shall have suffered as much and as long as I judge is right, I shall suffer no longer unless I sin. Judge I shall always be capable of sinning and so may always deserve punishment. I wrote that sentiment to Brother Akers.

May 30 - William Shook here in good health. All well here. In a conversation with him about the early training of children. I was well pleased with what he said was his practice with his own. He would not send a young child to school to an impudent teacher. He holds that politeness should prevail at home to secure it abroad. That the mother makes the child what it is. For my part I know its so.

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Mar. 23 - At Franks, in common health. Jane up pretty well. Cloudy and warm. I wish to go to Center Hill today. 2 p. m., I am a great loss to know whether or not I should attempt to train the hildren any longer. Would I do more good than harm? That is the question. Have I not become a little offensive in my personal appearance and manner. Well, I wish the children well and would benefit them. I fear to attempt to control them under the surroundings.

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Mar. 24 - 1884 Rain yesterday. Cloudy, Jane is up and washed. Frank in . I lost sleep last night studying what I could do of benefit for the children of Center Hill in the way of improvement. Hailed in the night. It is a very wet ~~day~~ time. Very bad about planting.

New York, Feb. 20, 1884
Mr. J. A. Rutherford
Bought of The Truth Seeker Co.

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Annuals packed in 13 packages, 4 in each package

Jan. 24 - Very cold, Jane acted the fool and devil this morning with a buck and shovel over my head in a ~~strikingxpmx~~ striking position.

Jan 26 - Cloudy, more disagreeable weather, i fear. I wish to go to store. My birthday will be here next Thursday, then I shall be 85. I feel that I have been in this mode of existence a long time to have done more good than I have done. But I have unformly been anxious to be doing good to the world and since it is no better, I'm glad it is no worse. I feel a great amount of peace in reviewing my past life. My creed is, every tub should stand on its own bottom.

Feb. 14 - Valentines' Day. This day 1827 was my marriage day. Jane and Buck and I here by the fire in common health talking about Jane's sister Elizabeth Nancy's singing and dying.

May 21 - At Frank's. Rather cloudy. I thought well of our Reading Club at Center Hill yesterday. The two McClendon boys did well. Aday W. and Misses Carltons did well. Miss Carlton a prize of 13 yrs. I aim to have a big audience next Sunday. I think I'll put two big books into the Lottery. If we can procure notoriety enough will have a crowd.

June 13 - L. M. Sherman letter from Adrian Mick. Mules well. I ought to answer Bro. L. M. Sherman. But am I not too old? D. M. Bennett letter to. Five dollars sent for books. M. L. Sherman of Adrian, Mich. Postal card to him. A friendly note. Also one copy of Honey Grove In. My legacy in it. T. J. Wood, P. C. from. All well, says my creed came to hand. He makes no answer about what he believes about Jesus Christ.

Oct. 14 - T. J. Wood, P. C. from, date Sept. 29. Cgarkes Hurst P. C. from, offers $6 dictionary for 54 cts.

Aug. 30 - T. J. Wood letter to him, 2 half sheets.

Nov. 15 - T, J. Wood, letter to, 2 pages. No infidelity in it.

July 30 - 1882 At Frank's, very cloudy, drizzling rain. There is much dread felt about the rain injuring the cotton crop bad. Indeed the cotton is badly hurt already. It's too tall. I think I ought to tell something about the Pic Nic on yesterday at Tiger Town. The most surprising thing was the vast number of watermelons. The next the mammoth size of them. Next the civil friendly good order that prevailed during the day. I did not hear an oath in the vast assembly or see an intoxicated person. The three young men wishing to be the States Arrorney commanded the attention of the people very finely. I have a

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very warm side for all of them. Indeed I am at a great loss to take choice. There is a bright future for each of the three: Ransby, Clark and Ryan. If they will sign the Temperance Pledge and keep it forty years, it may be worth a million to them counting both Pocket and Conseinee. A Temperance Pledge can be kept sacredly for fifty years, for the writer boasts that he has done it. It is truly said, "Whas has been done can be done again." The writer signed a temperance pledge in 1832 in Franklin County, Tennessee State. That pledge is sacred and unprofaned today. Again, I will record that altho I have been in Texas near 50 years I have never known so many occasions of real sociality in any one year, in this year of 1882 our Pic Nics have not been few and far between. As has been said of Angel's visits - Not a scowling countence ever. The glorious boon of friendship is enjoyed hugely. I'll venture to advert to one little incident of yesterday. As one of the young lawyers finish his speech a loud voice was heard near the stand from an old hearer. " A young Ingersol" I decline to speak the young lawyer's name. Each one may claim the honor if he can. Now I feel like ~~xx~~ alluding to something which our legislators should take in hand. I mean working the public roads. Who can help seeing how very cruel and partial the law that requires a poor white man or freedman to do as many days work on the road in one year as the man worth one hundred thousand. Especially when we call to mind that the rich man wears out more road in one week, hauling bales cotton and hay to market, than the poor man does in ten or perhaps twenty years. If the advalorena plans just at all it is just so clear thro for renemue purposes. One philosopher said, "Time is money". and so say I. It is a true and noble sentiment. Just think, a little bridge on a little branch was wrecked. Three hired men could have repaired in two hours. The oversher warmed in his forty hands. They met and chaffed and laughed and tryed to swap ponies until about 40 good days work was lost instead of three hours for three men. Such a policy would beggar a rich government continued long enough. Time is money. The Book says "Deliver us from evil" I say, "Deliver us from such partial and such wasteful laws."

EPITAPH

K, John A. Rutherford, of Lamar County, Texas, a seeker and a lover of truth, hope to live forever and progress in happiness. Was born January 31, 1799 and writes this epitaph August 6, 1882. I do not feel that the blood of Jesus was ever any benefit to any person. I do not rely on that Blood for any service it can be to me. I should feel mean to wish the blood of an innocent man, such as I believe Jesus was, to pay my debt. I think if I should ever recant from the sentiments above expressed, it will be when I am crazy. So please put no reliance in such recantation. J. A. R.

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Organization and operation of the Sunday Reading Club of Center Hill this 13 day of Sept. A. D. 1883. First, every white person living in five miles of Center Hill is hereby invited to become a member of this club, if they be over ten years of age and under forty. Every such person present that goes to the blackboard and writes his name , or has it written, thereby becomes a member for that one day and that day only and if he or she be introduced to the audience and should read from 8 to 12 lines in any Temperance Paper or book will thereby become a candidate for the honor of being regarded the best listener to the Reading of that day. Every male member is regarded a voter in the election for the best listener for that day. It is the duty of each voter to vote for that member that she thinks was the best listener that day. When the voting is finished the votes will be counted. The person having the highest number of votes will be declated the Worthy or Meritorious Victor of the day and will also receive 13 yards of calico, if a female, guananteed by J. A. R. (Rather Grand Pa). The member receiving the next highest will also get 13 yards calico, if a female. We agree to meet on Sunday 23 inst., Every reader will first be introduced to the audience by some friend. We whosse names are written below wish to become perpetual members. The female Sunday Reading Club propose to meet at Center Hill every Sunday at One o'clock, p. m. for reading and other ~~purposes~~ proper exercises, especially singing until Christmas. Introductions: Your friend will lead you to the front and say, "Mr. Chairman I beg leave to introduce to you, Miss or Mr. A. B. Willbow to the ladies and gents, and say, I am before you for the purpose of reading my lesson in the Sunday Reading Club of Center Hill. Then read. Then bow and retire.

I am called Grand Pa the old infidel, but I will say the world is my home and to do good is my religion. I never forget that our heaven must be taken with us when we go. I'll get you subscribers if I can. I have three sons living in sight. Take their names and try them. They will hear you when they would neglect to hear me. Viz. C. P. , J. C. and N. F. Rutherford. I regard them as Freethinkers. We are well disposed church going people. Some of as blind as a bat about progress. They have learned to say, the days of miracles are passed. Now we must remember that every man's way or creed is right in his own eyes and we should not condemn. We never read that Paul was sent to hell for hating the Christians. No doubt he suffered a loss in mind for the act ~~xxxxxx~~ or deed. His regret gave him both heaven and hell, that is, both pleasure and pain. So I think man's whole existence will be a mixture of pleasure and pain. A taste of the bitter makes the sweet sweeter. We regret our crimes from choice. We regret as a duty, doing duty always gives peace of conscience. We shall always be capable of doing wrong. When we get a proper idea of the wrong, we choose to regret it. The regret is hell but the recollection of it is heaven. So there is no absolute heaven and no absolute hell. Sometimes heaven is in ascending and sometimes hell is in the ascendency. I think this is good enough here, and will be good enough forever. I guess all the planets are inhabited by intellectual beings, each planet will be the home proper for its denizens. But they will possess great power of locomation and will visit any part of the universe. I look for the Denezins of Jupiter or any other planet to visit earth. I shall love to see them I think. And the mode of travel, how it will be improved. Perhaps I shall be able to make the circle of the earth in 24 hours, electricity makes it quicker than that now. Variety seems to be essential to man's happiness. He is born with the

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love of change. We don't know when the earth was peopled nor how. But perhaps it was the best plan at the time but a better plan may now exist. Suppose a larger planet than we now know of should be discovered, would we not wish to see its inhabitants. We may have the means in the spirit world. Who will limit the powers of nature or God. The peopling of this world is wonderful but it is common and we do not think much about it. The day may come when the citizens of different planets may swap homes. Extravagant thought but who will say it is impossible. Who knew how to cross the Atlantic before Columbus?

COPY OF LETTER TO MRS. H. J. SEVERANCE
Dowlen, Lamar Co., Texas. June 30, 1884
To Mrs. H. J. Severance, Madam, your dateless card of month ago lies before me. I thank you much. If it did not well deserve an answer I should not now attempt one. But I feel morally bound to write you, even at this late period. Because I yet live, I hope to be well reconciled to change worlds when I become well convinced that I am of no use in this world. I think that the next world will resemble the present life in thousands of items. I think it will be our home proper with capacity to visit the universe. I look for a chance to improve, to progress, and advance in goodness and happiness in the next life. If there be a pardoning God now there will always be such a God. Man is a creature of policy. He will always do what he thinks at the moment of action, will promote his own happiness most. He always aims for self happiness. But his judgment is generally or frequently at fault. Man cannot feel the interest in the welfare of others that he feels in his own. Bad judgment is right in its place and yields preamble afterwards. Every man thinks he is right in faith or belief. If wrong in practice. I think Madam or sister, you are a thinker. Pleasure in full I wish to hear you on these new questions. I'm old and will be soon hone. J. A. Rutherford.

Ah me, what a pity it is that woman don't know more about capacities and responsibilitys and privileges than she does. I presume you are one among a thousand if not amount ten thousand . Please permit me to shout a little in a whisper at the point of my pen. So it goes. Huzza huzza for the world, for light is dawning. Woman is rising. Only fifty years ago, one said in derision that if he owned Hell and Texas he would rent out Texas and live in hell for the sake of diffenence in soiciety. But thanks to good luck there is no place for such remarks now. I came from Tennessee to Texas about fifty years ago. I say I now live in the best society I ever saw. I have not seen a drunk person or heard an oath in many months. Maj. J. G. Bostic of Tennessee said to discourage me that he would not take his family to the Province of Texas for all of it, it was such bad society. I told him I'd take my family and I would try to make it better. I have been trying to better it some forty-nine years., and I repeat, it is the best society I ever saw. Farewell, we may shake hands in heaven. J. A. Rutherford.

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Sept 29 - 1882 — All well as usual. I was at Brookston yesterday. Bot chloroform for $1.00. Also much mail from Rideout and others.

Sept 30 - At Frank's. Rain last night. All well as usual. I must read the papers that came in the box with stove pipe.

Oct. 1 - Time once gone is gone forever. One minute at a time is all one can have. Hence it is plain that our time should be properly used. One minute misused will be regretted forever. That is hell enough without brinstone and fire and that eternally. Horrible thought. Rain last night. Albert went to see his mother. Rode Ginger. I went to Center Hill. Some 8 or 10 children, I treated them well. Great rain in evening. Frank and family went Old Billy's. Got peas and potatoes. They are very apt to bring back something eat.

Nov. 2 - This day 68 years ago my father died in Cork County, East Tennessee. My mother died about 10 years after. I am sinking a little. Perhaps may go this winter. Well, I have no fears of a brimestone hell. I think I shall be at least as happy in the spirit world as I have been in this. I notice that my mule, Lincoln, or Jane's is just about to die from the present appearance. He seems to have a severe running at the nose and eyes. He is in danger. I hope he will be as happy in the next world as he was in this.

Nov 3 to 26,

Nov. 16 - At F's., great rain last night, raining yet. Old Tomy England and Dr. McClendon started to move this morning, tho a rainy time. I would guess that they would see and feel more trouble today than they ever experienced in any one day in Texas. But under a sudden impulse we often resolve imprudently. I reckon they did, but it is not all lost. The disaster modifies our derisions in the future. And so turns out a blessing in disguise. Jane and I are about as usual. Perhaps she is improving.

LIST OF TUNES I HAVE SENT FOR TO MASSECHUSETTS CO.
I give the name and the number.
For Harmonette, No. 2 Coronation, No. 5 Nearer My God to Thee, No. 8 Sweet Bye, No. 9 Rock of Ages, No. 10 Watchman, No. 13 Old Hundred, No. 12 Halleluyah, No. 18 Sweet Home, 201 Auld Langzine, 202 Anna Laura, No. 204 Dixie, 207 Home Sweet Home, 213 Skidmore Guards, 223 Tramp Tramp, 233 Campbells, Nov. 26th, twelve of the above tunes came to hand in good condition. We put them all through the instrument. They did well, very well. I think I'll send for another half dozen or more.

Nov 23 to Dec 18

Dec. 3 - I delight in this bright sunny day, Sunday, pleasant. I have not seen Ginger today. I fear he is dead. If he is, I shall no doubt follow soon. And if I should find him in the spirit world I think it would delight me to speak to him with as much respect as I ever spoke to him in this life. I think that nature's God is under as much obligation to give Ginger a second life as he is to give me a second life. I don't suppose that Ginger expects a second life, but that is no proof that he will not get it. He didn't look for this until he got it. I do look for a second life, but that don't prove that I'll get it. Life was bestowed, unasked for, on both Ginger and me. As the Giver bestows life on us once unasked, I think it reasonable he will do so again. Not because we ask but because it is his own rule or law. I think Ginger has as good a right to a second life as I have.

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Dec. 11 - 1882 On Sunday the 24 instant at 10 a.m. at Center Hill School House, Grand Pa wishes to see a surprise meeting. The following may be the program. Namely, all persons who can bring a musical instrument on that day are especially invited to be present on that day. No instrument from a Jewsharp to a Grand $1000 piano will be excluded. A list of tickets will be presented to the musicians for them to draw, numbered thus, 1, 2, 3,. The players will be called to the front by those numbers. No player will occupy more than three minutes, except by special privilege. In the 2nd place, we wish to have an exercise which we will call a musical religious, conpounding of the glorious science of mucis. It will consist of all the instruments present being called to the front and all played at once for two minutes. If any three persons call for a repeat of the conpounding of music, it will be repeated. We hope that all that attend may act worthy of the best society in Texas. If they don't, we have no doubt they will wish they had, either in this world or the next, or possibly in both. The Book says, a guilty conscience, who can bear it?

Jan. 5 - 1883 Dark time. A darky to be hung at Paris today. Some persons from here went to see. The report is that he has been baptized in the jail. This is humbug big. He is now to be in heaven before 2 p.m. today. No doubt he is yet glad he got the old man's money. I wish every true murderer were kept in the penetentiary life time. Jane is up at her knitting.

Jan 6 to 12 Jan 16 to Feb 5 Feb 7 to 12

SC

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day. I don't know why it is so called, but it had a cause.

SC

Feb. 15 - Warm and cloudy. Jane and I about as usual. All family well. Ginger, my faithful old riding horse, quit drawing breath last night. I don't know whether he lives in a better life this morning or not. My opinion is that if I deserve another life, so does Ginger. I think he filled his place in this life according to capacity as well as I have or any man. I reckon I shall never ride much more. I would be glad to own a good little buggy horse, but I'll not need a horse much.

SC Feb 16 to 20

Feb. 22 - Washington's birthday. Claimed by the church and claimed by the infidels, but I believe he was an infidel. He was a great friend to Thomas Paine and Jefferson, both avowed infidels. Elba and her children are at Old Billy's yet. Frank here last night.

SC

Feb. 23 - Drizzling rain. Frank and family absent. Joe K. very, very sick, in danger. Frank will be here today I hope. His steers were not fed yesterday, pity. I'm writing a letter to Thos. J. Wood and Maria. Perhaps the last I'll ever.

Feb 24 to 28

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD - 1876

Brookston, Lamar Co., Texas Feb. 11, 1883, E.M.
H. L. Green, Sir or Brother, I approach you with the belief that to be a benefactor of your fellow man constitutes your chief happiness, so I am encouraged to come to you for a little help. I wish to ask a question of the readers of your paper. This is the question. Do you believe there is a lake of fire and brimstone in which God punishes his people forever. If you do, write the word "Yes". If you don't, the word "No" on a postcard and send it to me at Brookston, Lamar Co., Texas to J. A. Rutherford. As I cannot conveniently pay you for the Postal Card I propose to do better for you and the balance of mankind. If I should be the recipient of cards properly sent in this case, I pledge myself to buy and donate a church bell worth twenty-five dollars, to the Center Hill High School, now in operation, western part of Lamar Co., Texas. We have girls and boys in Center Hill School, some of whom we hope may be another Mrs. Richmond, Elmina, Miss Nixon or N. P. Fox. And the boys, they are to be (some of them at least) are to be our future Washingtons, Franklins, Paines, Jeffersons, Websters, Clays, Lincolns, Beechers, Bennetts and Garfields. All such men and women are a God send to the world. So in that way I'll pay you for your postal card.- So I say, "Huzza". Every lady or gentleman who reads the Freethinkers Magazine, please work for postal cards and I'll work for the $25 church bell for Center Hill High School, where we are trying to bring out a new edition of noble men and women.
N. B. My last request. If you expect a future heaven you had better take it with you. A clear conscience.

Fraternally, J. A. Rutherford, Brookston.

P. S. - "Yes" or "No" is the only answer I wish. Your name on post card might be given. I might wish to write to you.

SC Mar 1 to 11

Mar. 15 - 1883 At Calvan's, very fine sunny day. Mistress Craddock died yesterday leaving five children. One only a few days old. I wish Tip would take the infant and raise it. I'll pay Tip for keeping the infant three months, then maybe someone else will take care of it. The person who takes care of the helpless infant will get his reward in both worlds. To do good makes us heaven sooner or later, in this world or the next. Mrs. Craddock was buried at Forest Hill today. I and Mr. Huchens put up the graveyard palings at Center Hill.

SC

Mar. 16 - The little Craddock babe, Bennett rested well last night and is still sleeping well, I am minding it. I thot of going to Center Hill School this evening just to encourage. I ought to go and put up the palings for grave yard.

SC

Mar. 17 - Jane and I in good common health. I would be glad to enter the birthday of the poor little orphan, now in the care of Tip Rutherford. I will try to find out and then I shall try to make an entry in a safe place. I'll try to recollect. I went to hear Mr. Lowe lecture on phrenology at Center Hill. He is a very pretty speaker. I think he acquitted himself well. He felt my head, Sheltons, Clintons and Calvins, perhaps Mr. L's.

SC

Mar. 18 - Clear and calm, all well as usual. I think I'll go to Sunday School today and see if there is any outcome in it. A misplaced letter of mine was handed to me this morning from Mr. North. I don't know when it came. I have never seen the envelope. I feel that I ought to answer it today, but I failed to answer it. I had an attack of a difficulty to think or talk. I felt like I was getting crazy. I think I am in danger.

Mar 19 to Apr 7 Apr 8

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD - 1876

Apr. 10 - 1883 — Good time to plant corn and cotton. The farmers are bad off. Jane is still improving. The Jemaica Ginger has been of great benefit to her in curing her cough. This is the new pencil.

Apr 11 to 24

Apr. 25 - Thomas J. Kennedy and his wife, Alice here. How old they look, but they seem to be in good health. But is not likely we shall meet again in this life. I now think we shall know each other in the spirit world. I think we shall then know that our having different creeds in this life didn't do us much harm. It cherished investigation that cherished knowledge, knowledge resulted in truth. Truth leads to uniminity of thout, oneness of thot leads to love, love ends in happiness, for God is love.

Apr. 26 - Thomas J. K. and wife here this morning. They and Jane and I all went to Frank's for dinner yesterday. Jane walked there and back and is not complaining of much soreness. T. J. and wife staid all night at Franks. I feel surprised at those two old people being here. I told that I was surprised. They said that they thoutht that their youngest daughter was the cause of it. She, Laura, was suffering with melancholly on account of the death of brothers and sister. I suppose they thoutht that Laura's mental condition demanded special attention. So it is likely the parents acted not only the part of affectionate parents but the part of philosophers in bringing her into new scenes. No doubt the human mind may be in a condition as easily shaken out of its proper balance as the needle of the mariner's compass. The sad little daughter may have been near ruin and this diversion of her thouths may be her salvation. So I now approve of the parents making trip. I hope they will be confirmed that it was prudent and right for them to make the visit.

Apr. 28 - Brother Thos. G. Kennedy and wife, Alice, have been with us for several days at Calvins. They are at Clintons this Saturday evening. Jane and I took dinner at Clint's with Tommy and Alice. Jane and I shall be apt to go there tomorrow to dinner. I shall be apt to be at Center Hill at 10 a.m. at the reading and singing.

Apr. 29 - Clear and bright morning. Cal is in bed very late. If I were in his place I'd do better. I think this day will be an oppressive time. My services will not be appreciated and I shall feel that I am out of date. Mr. Lackey is here, he came here last night. I tried him for one argument that there is a God. He made an effort. It had nothing. I am yet without any plain proof that there is any supreme personal being as set forth in the Bible.

Apr. 30 - Jane and I are at Calvin's. I have just reminded Cal that he ought to send the buggy to Clinton's to bring down Tommy G. and his wife to dinner. He gave me no answer. I fear he'll not pay the respect that he should. I think Tommy and Alice feel very lonely and to be treated with neglect is cruel.

May 1 - At Calvin's. But Calvin did send the buggy for Tommy and Alice. Milton took the buggy up, then went to school. Tommy and Alice came down in buggy and I helped him ungear and put buggy away. Thomas G. Kennedy and wife left this morning. We feel very lonely. I presented Tommy with Womans World and Agnostic. It was a sad parting with us. I remarked to my friend when shaking hands that there was a hundred chances to one that we would never meet again in this world. And so I now think, O, how sad I feel and I doubt not Jane feels as sad as I do and possibly much more so.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD - 1876

May 3 - 1883 — Our girls left. Calvin took them to Lookout. Saw them on the trains. Laura K. and Callie S., I had written a motto in alb to the West and Mary K. to the East. I had also written in Mary's album. I felt remarkably sad all day. Yet I could not recollect where I had failed I wrote to editor David C. Cook, he issues at Chicago, Adams street.

EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Sept. 17 - 1876 — I am at home in fine health. Altho it Sunday I shall not go to church. Indeed I think I shall never go to church again for the sake of obeying the dogmas of christianity. I think christianity is the biggest humbug now on earth and doing more harm than any other. It retards science and sound morality. Sure!! Read this when I am gone. I have more confidence in the judgement of a well man than I have in that of a sick man. Hence, I resolve while I am well what I shall do when I am sick. I hold that deathbed sintiments are of little worth as a general rule. But every person should obey his or her conscience. Then I am sure all will be well. Here I'll say I try to obey my conscience.

Nov. 29 - On Monday three wagons loaded with cedar rails came. About 300 I suppose. Sent her by Mr. Murray. Thomas J. Kennedy came. Frank R. at the river. On Tuesday Frank came home. Thomas G. went to Race River. Today Frank has gone to the Honey Grove with cotton to sell. I suppose for goods to take to the river. Billy is gathering corn. I am at home helping Jane.

Dec. 1 - Thomas Kennedy and son Tom here after money for his land on the river. I suppose he will get a little but not much. He thinks he will have to take some of the land back. I think Tommy is in bad fix about money.

Dec. 10 - No one up but me. I am in very good health for a man 77 years of age and soon will be 78 if I live. I don't know what I wish to do today unless I go to Cheathams or Owen's. Perhaps I may never go to hear another sermon. Preaching is a fraud and christianity is a grand humbug. I think I shall die in this faith. I think I shall live after death and be happy.

Dec. 23 - I am up at 4. The weather is rather pleasant. I am in about as good health as usual. I fear that Thomas J. Wood is dead. It is time he should write to me. I feel that I ought to go to see Mrs. Shelton and try to get some money from her. I fear I shall never get the money she owes me. Well, perhaps she needs it more than I do. I shall not want money much longer. I suppose greenback will not be worth much beyond the grave.

Dec. 24 - Great Snow. All well as usual. 4 hogs killed last Friday. Old sow weighed 325 lbs. I reckon I shall remain at home this Sunday. On last Sunday I visited Brother Cheatham.

Mar. 7 - 1877 — Clinton is here. He helped me make a list of taxable property for assessor. Frank Johnson and Joe is yet in bed. So is Jane and Clinton and little George. I have pretty much resolved to write out my creed for the press. I feel that it might be some benefit to the world if I would leave it in print. I feel it a duty to guard against being misrepresented after I am gone. If I die an infidel I wish the world to have a change to know it. I don't want to be said to recant on deathbed. What lies were told on Paine. No calling on Jesus while I have my senses is my convictions now.

Sept. 29 - 1878 — We are all very late. Sun up long time. I feel like I should not go to hear preaching today. I had much rather read than hear othodoxy. I had rather die an infidel than an old fogy. Amberly has given me a worse opinion and wiser men ~~have~~ have lived and died than Jesus. He was good but a wild enthusiastic man. Very courageous morally. If the men of the present day had his moral courage the better day would be here.

Jan. 1 - 1879 — I am up at 30 past 4. Jane is as usual. Jim Gauf is in bed here. I ought to write some serious reflections on my age and condition, both of mind and body. But I shall merely say that I am still an infidel. I will add that

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Jan. 1 - 1879 — I think the death or blood of Jesus Christ is a very poor thing to trust in. I am sure it has no merit in it for any man of any sense. The doctrine of salvation thro Jesus I hold to be a wretched fbolism. A disgrace to a God if a God could be disgraced. I have no confidence in Jesus to save me. I think Jesus was a pretty good man but no god. He was courageous to do what he thought was right but rather out of balance mentally. Jane has got up in tolerable good health for her. I have a very bad cold. My head aches. If I live to see the 31 day of this January 1879 I shall be 80 years of age. Is not this a pretty fair hand write for a person 80 years old.

Jan. 7 - Drizzling. Will be sleet I guess. All well. Clint and Henderson (darky) Brookton with cotton. Arthur cutting wood. Jim Gauff went yesterday, perhaps to Milsaps.

Jan. 27 - I forgot to make entry this morning. I finished writing our my creed for the press. It makes six sides and some on the seventh. It is also stiched. Frank has bot a short horned bull. He says he will give $4.50 per acre for the Paris land. J. C. bid $4.20.

Jan. 29 - Very cloudy. I did not see yesterday, I must see today. All the family abed but me. The clock stopt. Calvin bid $4.75. Then Frank Bid $5.00. I have told Calvin that Frank bid $5.00.

Jan. 30 - Raining. Clint yet in bed. Jane getting breakfast. Tomorrow will be my birthday. I shallthen be 80 years of age. Fourscore. I cant shave and and not expect to stay here much longer but fondly look for a better life than this. That or an eternal sleep. But to live on forever is my choice.

Jan. 31 - All well as usual. This is my birthday. I am an Octogenarian. The Bible promise is out but I still hope for a few more days if not years. I may live to see the date 1900.

Feb. 13 - All well as usual. If I live till tomorrow I will have been a married man 52 years. I am 80 years and 13 days old. I think I had better go to Grove today and try to get money.

Feb. 14 - Valentines Day. I have been a husband 52 years today. Jane who is my first and only wife still with me but she is infirm. I was married to Jane Kennedy this day fifty two years ago. Perhaps death has parted millions who have been married since I was.

Feb. 24 - England's fence burned yesterday. Frank had the last bid $7.25. 140 at 7.25:::$9.15. Half of 915::::457.50 in each note.

Feb. 25 - I went to H. G. yesterday, staid at Ryan's last night. I made a bargain with the printer to pay me 26 copies now, and 26 after my time is out, that is, the paper for 6 months after my present subscription is out. I settled a little with Ryan. I took a new note for six hundred and twenty dollars and an order to Ryan and Ingram's drug store for about $6. I bought one bottle of McLean's blood purfier from Ryan and Ingram and one bottle from G. Deuley. I bot a fine cheap lamp from Ryan and Ingram. I got home at dinner time and went to Calvins to see Mr. Snell who had just fallen off a wagon at Calvin's gin and got badly hurt, his collar bone being broken. Dr. McClenden was the surgeon who attended on him. Mr. Snell started home in a spring wagon with his wife immediately. I hope he will do well and not get hurt in going.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Mar. 30 - 1879 Fine clear time but very dry. Too dry for the corn. William McKwen came here last and staid with us till 11 o'clock today. His visit was very pleasant to Jane and myself. We have promised to go and see him and wife and his children this spring. I think William a very good and sensible man. We part today saying that we may meet again. I am 80 years and 2 months old. Jane is getting dinner but her leg is rather painful.

May 8 - Clint, Henry and Arthur here. Jane getting breakfast. The weather looks well for dry time. Heap of weeds. Crops very weedy. Bill Buckle says he has plowed his corn over twice. I saw Bucipholus. My ink got spilt a few days ago and it is almost spoilt. I told Clint he ought to get Bermuda grass from the old place and set round his pool today. He was not polite enough to make me any answer. But he is not to blame for his mother made him so before he was born. 'Tis a law of nature. I think I ought to see Mrs, Ribble and get my book. The weather is fine today and remained so all day.

May 21 - Clint is sick, gone to bed and left his mother to cough when no doubt she is ten times worse off than he is but that is like him. He is very much like the man's wife "No great things".

so May 1882 to May 27

Aug. 15 - 1883 The North Road was fixed yesterday. All well as usual. I got my show paper from Thomas . The children signed the pledge. The old man and Dan stood aloof. I think I'll make the father feel yet unless his soul is inferior to that of a savage or a brute. I said to Carey Gason that I didn't know whether he was a drunkard or not but he could not help but know that drunkeness was a great evil. He made me no answer. I think now he drinks. We should not brag on our swap of citizens. We made but little record.

so Aug. 27 - Jane came back to Clinton's in Baden's wagon. Clint did not get from Paris last night. Wash is here keeping things in order. The lips that too often touch whiskey or wine - I'm a great mind to say shall never touch mine.

so Aug. 30 - At Clinton's. He has not come from the river yet. George Ross and Wash here keeping things in order. Price don't help. I failed to sleep well this morning. I was thinking about Hugh and Amanda. I hold that Hugh has sacrefiled at least one hundred thousand dollars in money and mind. He is deranged and will be apt to commit suicide. If there is a future state of consciousness he is in a woeful condition. I would not be in his fix for a Golden Texas. A guilty conscience, who can bear it? Now I'll speak of Jane. She is making up her bed. I notice that she is not coughing any for the last few days.

so Aug. 31 - I have slept well but feel in trouble about my daughter. Jane has rested well during the night. She has been very from coughing. She was fifty times worse with cough a year ago. She has just started over Franks to talk about Amanda. Of all the catastrophes I ever knew that of W. L. S. and his wife and Tom F. and his wife was the most uncalled for and perhaps the most [illegible]. There is craziness in the case, sure. Excess in the sexual embrace has done it, perhaps whiskey helped. Jane and I went to Calvin's and Franklin's. We came back to Clinton's. Jane brot her new Calico dress home from Tip's.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Aug. 3 - [illegible]

Mr. Lackey. I feel that the time has come when I should attempt to become an intercessor between yourself and C. P. Rutherford. I am well apprised of the antagonism existing between you two. That antagonism can ruin the prosperety of Center Hill. I ought never to be called up again. If nobody could ever think of it again it would be best for our school interests. But, if George is withdrawn from your school then everybody will know it and that event may kill the prosperity of the school. No school is preferable to a thing without Reputation. I have already said to Clinton that if he would send George to your next school that I would pay for it. I also said to him that I would try to promise that you would not scold the child nor whip him. But try flaterry, whether he studies or not. Clinton did not answer my proposition. If George gois into your school and acts too badly, dismiss him at his own loss or expense. Now my dear sir, very many cogent reasons present themselves to me why my suggestion should be respected. The destiny of Center Hill just now hangs on a trembling point. To be or not to be is the question. If George goes into your school do you agree to my proposition about whipping, scolding and dismissing? If so, say so.

EXTRACTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

On Nov.11, 1871 mentions that A.A. Rutherford wants to buy some of his land

Dec.6, 1878 wrote to T.J. Wood at Scottsboro, Ala., or postmaster evidently not sure of right place. Husband of sister Maria

Nov. 2, 1882 - 68 years ago today my father died in Cocke Co. East Tenn.

Nov. 4 - birthday of Amanda Stephens my daughter also Jackson K.R. grandson.

Feb. 18, 1883 - Milton Brown here on visit March 5th. Mat Brown and 2 girls on visit.

Brown was Mrs. Calvin's father from Fannin Co.

April 25, 1883. Thomas Kennedy and wife Alice and youngest daughter Alice said because of death of brothers and sister, Thomas K. and wife are old but in good health.

May 1st - 3 daughters of kinfolk, Tommy dau. Laura K.,Georges dau. Mary Jane, K. to the east and Amelias dau Callie S. visiting June 29. Matt and 3 children and his mother Mrs. Wilson visiting.

July 20, 1878 - TJK and Dau. Alice with him was visiting and went home that day.

Mar. 14, 1871 - Wrote letters to T.J. Wood and J. Kennedy

Sept. 18, 1871 - Mr. McEwen came to Texas with John A. he was father of Thos. McEwen settled near where now is Caviness.

Mar. 10 - A.A. Rutherford son of N.F.R. named John William for his grandpa died 2 days old.

Also mentioned in diary "that cousin William was here from Roane Co."

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY 1885 OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

January 31 - J. D. Shaw, I send him my defence for buying coffin, to publish if he thinks fit. I send no money nor subscription. I tell him to send me 50 copies and I'll send him $5.00 instanter. My coffin, I wish my body to go into the coffin in the same clothes I die in. The dead body is no better than the living. I would not sanction the hypocritical custom of dressing up the dead body. It is prodigal folly. The living need that money that you throw away upon the dead where it does no good. It is foolishness. I would not sanction foolishness. Therefore, I hope my friends will read this and do as I suggest. I say this because it is my duty. I think a white linen over the body in the coffin is enough.

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March 15 - My burial, I hope that my clothing in which I die may be clean and nice. I wish no dressing of the dead body, but just lift it into the coffin and a white linen spread over it. Let that be done in 10 or 15 minutes after the breath is gone. I wish to be buried near the north east corner of the original Rutherford survey. I wish a 10 foot lot enclosed with iron palings around the grave and a Weeping Willow set at the head. Lizzie Cabe's epitaph. She was born to smile and please awhile like beauteous flowers of May To win each heart with guileless art and then to pass away. I hope my coffin may not be opened at the grave. The reason I wish a coffin on hand - If I die by a cancer which is a little likely, my dead body would be apt to stink, worse than the body of Lazarus did when he had been dead four days. I do it to befriend my survivors who have to watch.

December 15- Sister Wood
I write her about Virgie. I ask her to me. I tell hef to me. If she pleased with the church and try to do right. All well.

January 6 - D. M. & F. Fox
He writes me that got my letter with $5.00. He invites to accept their photos. I must let them know that it will give me pleasure to receive their photos.

January 18 - I write about Holy Ghost and Grandpas. Friendly Editors I would be glad if every Grandpa now living in the U. S. would send me a P. C. saying who, what, and where and that they were born in the 18th century. I was born January 31, 1799 so the door is open. Write if you wish. I sincerely and hopefully ask and beg every son and grandson and every good friend to help me in this case. Grandpas don's read the papers much and may not hear of this request but you young ones do read the papers or ought to and ought to send the P. C. for your grandpa and let me say that if you cant do that favor for grandpa and human family you are a blank and ought not to have been born. Editor please print and solicit every editor in the U. S. to please copy and they please a philanthropist - Excuse egotism. J. A. Rutherford.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

Having moralized on the passing of Summer, Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary September 1, 1877: Severe drouth. More hay to haul and stack. The big meeting at Forest Hill still in blast. I hear that Polly _____got religion, and my opinion is that when she got the thing that she didn't get much of a thing. I doubt its lasting her 18 months and maybe not longer than about dancing time.

Sept. 2, Drizzling rain. Frank has put up a fine amount of hay. Just finished. Jane still at Calvin's. I was there yesterday. She was doing very well. PARIS Burned August 31, Friday. Dreadful!!! Did God permit that fire for the purpose of destroying that God insulting Paper called Common Sense? But I don't accuse God of any such foolism. The bible tells worse than that on the Lord but I think the bible tells a lie.

The last day of May 1878 Judge Rutherford said in his diary that he looked for rain. He added, I went to Jim Yates' yesterday, I got fifty dollars paid on Mrs. Shelton's note. I told Jim to tell Mrs. Shelton to take Nannie Powers into her school at Pecan Grove and I would pay for the tuition one session. I never saw Nanie Powers but Mrs. Yates tells me that she is a motherless child. I feel that it is a duty and a pleasure to me to help her. So I do the deed because it makes one a happier man. A case of self interest truly.

June 26, 1878 - Hugh and his family are in good health. They are in a very happy condition but like others in like condition they don't seem to know it. So I regard all people as about on a level as to happiness. That is a noble trait in Nature, making all happy alike. It's fair.

The entries in Judge Rutherford's diary were brief about this time and were made with a pencil. July 19, 1878 - he wrote that T. G. Kennedy was visiting him, and added, Old Billy Kuykendall here from the big meeting. Wild! Wild! What a pity for such foolishness. July 20 he wrote, I am up about midnight. T. G. K. left for home yesterday. He had his daughter Alice with him. Perhaps we shall never meet again in this life. 21, 22, 23, I think I start to Amanda's today.

April 3, I have been up since 3. Frank came from Paris last night. Says that court is put off two weeks. Johnson is sick. Business is getting on very slowly, but I need not allow myself to fret. I shall live till I die, sure. Every one has a right to his own judgement but has not the right to injure another. This line should be filled out. (And he filled it with that sentence)

Sept. 1. I was at the burial yesterday of a son of _____. The finest coffin I ever saw. It was the cause of much surprise and I think some contempt. I suppose he borrowed $40 to defray burial expenses. I condemn his ambition for show and parade. I consider it vain and ill-timed policy. I am up before day. Jane is yet in bed.

Sept. 3, I am in health. I have just written to F. M. Lupton of New York for a paper, The Cricket on the Hearth.

EXCERPTS FROM DIARY OF JOHN A. RUTHERFORD

July 29 - July 31 to Aug 5

Nov. 16, 1882, Great rain last night, raining yet. Old Tommy England and Dr. McLendon started to move this morning, though raining. I would guess that they would see and feel more trouble today than they ever experienced in any one day in Texas. But under a sudden impulse we often resolve imprudently. I reckon they did but it is not all lost. The disaster modifies our decisions in the future and so turns out a blessing.

March 11, 1883, Jane and I are very free from coughs. We have great confidence in the jamaica ginger and Tutt's Pills. Something else now. I reckon I ought to go to Center Hill today and see how things are going. I may possibly operate there some this summer.

March 15, Mrs. Craddock died yesterday leaving five children, one only a few days old. I wish Tip would take the infant and raise it. I'll pay Tip for keeping the infant three months, then maybe some one else will take care of it. The person who takes care of a helpless infant will get his reward in both worlds. To do good makes our Heaven sooner or later, in this world or the next.

There is nothing in Judge Rutherford's diary to indicate who Thomas Kennedy was but he was evidently an old relative, possibly Mrs. Rutherford's brother. April 25, 1883, he wrote. Thomas Kennedy and his wife Alice here. How old they look, but they seem to be in good health. It is not likely we shall meet again in this life. I now think we shall know each other in the Spirit world. I think that we shall then know that having different creeds in this life didn't do us much harm. It cherished investigation. That cherished knowledge, knowledge results in Truth, Truth leads to unanimity of thought, oneness of thought leads to love and love ends in happiness for God is love.

April 26, Thomas K and wife here this morning. They and Jame and I went to Frank's for dinner yesterday. Jane walked there and back and is not complaining of much soreness. T. K. and wife stayed all night at Frank's. I feel surprised at those two old people being here. I told them I was surprised. They said they thought their youngest daughter, Laura, was responsible for it. She was suffering with melancholy on account of the deaths of brothers and sister. I suppose they thought Laura's mental condition needed special attention so it is likely they acted not only the part of affectionate parents but of philosophers in bringing her into new scenes. No doubt the human mind may be in a condition as easily shaken out of its proper balance as the mariner's compass. The sad little daughter may have been near ruin and this deversion of her thoughts may be her salvation. So I now approve of the parents making the trip and hope they will be confirmed that it was prudent and right for them to make the visit.

April 27, Rain last night. Tommy and wife here last night. I guess we will go to Clint's this evening if there is no more rain. We kinfolk will be apt to do something which we will be apt to think of afterward that we may wish we had done as we may never have another chance. A moment lost is lost forever. A world could not bring it back.

April 28, The Kennedys have been with us several days, at Calvin's. They are at Clinton's this Saturday evening. Jane and I took dinner with them at Clint's. We shall be apt to go there tomorrow for dinner. I ~~gax~~ shall

April 28, 1883, be apt to be at Center Hill at 10 a. m. at the reading and singing. I salted Blace (29) Clear bright morning. Cal lies in bed very late. If I were in his place I'd do better. I think this day will be an oppressive time. My services will not be appreciated and I shall feel that I am out of date. Mr. Lackey is here, came last night. I tried him for an argument that there is a god. He made an effort it had nothing. I am yet without any plain proof that there is any supreme personal being as set forth in the Bible.

Thomas Kennedy and wife, relatives of the Rutherford's, were visiting them in the spring of 1883. April 30 the judge wrote, We are at Calvin's. I have just reminded Cal that he ought to send the buggy to Clint's to bring down Tommy and his wife to dinner. He gave me no answer. I fear he'll not pay them the respect he ought. I think Tommy and Alice feel very lonely and to be treated with neglect is cruel.

May 1, But Calvin did send the buggy after Tommy and Alice. Milton took the buggy up and then went to shhool. Tommy and Alice came down in the buggy and I helped him ungear and put buggy away. Tommy and wife left this morning. We feel very lonely. I presented Tommy with Woman's World and Agnostic. It was a sad parting with us. I remarked to my friends when shaking hands that it was a hundred chances to one that we would never meet again in this world, and so I now think. O, how sad I feel and I doubt not Jane feels as sad as I do and probably much more so. Frank took Tommy and Alice in his wagon to Honey Grove. Yesterday Calvin took a wagon to L Lookout (Now Petty) and brot 3 of our girls home, our kinsfolk, Tommy's daughter, Laura, George's daughter, Mary Jane and Amelia's daughter Callie. They sang and played the organ. All very interesting, I think. They all have requested me to write in their albums and I will write. I hope that we gave our visiting friends satisfaction and that the visitors were pleased also. The three girls will stay here several days. I have lost more confindance in myself, in being of any more advantage to the world in the last few days than I ever lost before in double the time. I feel that I have about wound up my share of duties I had to do in this life. Well, I think that when I feel the time has come that I am to go, that I shall be ready to go to another world. No. Death!!

May 10 to 17 May 3 to 9

May 19, Tip and I had a little sharp sparring about Negros. I intimated they should be estimated according to their worth and not their color. (20) May rain today. Jane up and washed, no breakfast yet. I ought to write D. C. Cook. He wrote me a very kind letter so I am bound to answer or feel that I've committed a sin in the case.

May 21 to 27

May 6, I rose earlier than usual and went to Clinton's to see George Ross about the Canda constitution. I got one paper and left one with George. I hope he and the two Everetts combine their strength and run the club. It could be made an interesting institution, but I fear society is not ready for it yet. Still I shall hope and try for progress. Everyone knows that we can't progress unless we try. Try is the best word in the language, so say I. And here is my opinion. Every person that ever lived or now lives, will experience more Heaven then Hell in a future life. At any period of our past existence we would have said "Life is worth living". That is the same as saying the present life affords more Heaven than Hell. Self commendation constitutes our Heaven and self condemnation our Hell.

May 4

May 6, 1883, We commend or dondemn our every action in word, thought or deed. We can't swallow a drop of water without either commending or condemning the act or deed. Now if we produce more acts or deeds which we commend that we do of those which we dondemn, then we have more Heaven than Hell. I continued this Heaven and Hell subject on another paper.

May 28 to June 2 June 9 to 14

June 15, Bob Wilson here, been here several days doing nothing. Poor promise for Bob unless whiskey was annihilated. Betty Thomas was here early. Hard times drives her. I am sorry for the girl, she is very scare of apparel. This is a pleasant morning. Mr. Price will work on my buggy shafts...I got my buggy shafts mended, Paid $1. (16) I went to the school house, heard them read, I would like to write to Tommy Kennedy if I could think of anything to say. His old fogy orthodoxy sticks out so prominently that I become annoyed with it.

June 16 to July 1 July 4 to 7

July 8, Sunday, I shall go to Center Hill today but I fear I shall be in very low spirits. Calvin was very sick with colic, Tip steamed him. Rufus Cates is here reading in the little paper called Our Women....I read my paper proposing to the children that they subscribe for the Temperance paper, Our Women, but he seemed to feel that he had no interest in such matters.

July 9, Calvin is at the table trying to eat. Milton is at the moment playing the organ and shows signs of very pretty progress in music. Good music promotes delight. (2) Examination begins today at school. I say it will not be very interesting.

July 13 to 17 22 to Aug 9, Aug 10 to 12

Judge Rutherford's diary in the summer of 1883 noted mostly ordinary family matters, the state of the weather and the temperature. Occasionally there was an unusual incident such as August 13 he wrote. Raining lightly. I have lost my two little pocketbooks. They were both in one old domestic dress pocket, had 39 or 40 dollars. I think I laid the pocket on my writing table, I'm in trouble... I found the lost pocketbooks in my pants in my little trunk, glad, I was about as miserable as I ever was. I am near worn out.

Aug 13-14 - Nov 1 to 18 Nov 19 to 30 - Dec 1 to Jan 12

August 15, The north road was fixed yesterday...The children signed the temperance pledge. The old man and Dan stood aloof. I think I'll make the father feel yet unless his soul is inferior to that of a savage or a brute. I said to Carey Geron that I didn't know whether he was a Drunkard or not but that he could not help but know that Drunkenness was a great evil.

Aug 16 to 27 - Sept 1 to 6 - 9 to 30 Oct 3 to 15 - 16 to 31 - Nov 23 to Dec 20 Jan 12 to Feb 7

Feb. 11, 1884, Mr. Guthrie paid me $20. Rain, dreadful time on stock, so much rain. (12) Little sleet, too cold to do much. I must stay in the house. (14) Valentine's Day. This day 1827was my marriage day. (Then he subtracted the dates showing he had been married 57 years). Jane and Buck and I here by the fire, in common health, Talking about Jane's sisters, Elizabeth and Nancy, their singing and dying.

Feb 17 to 24

Judge Rutherford's diary for the last week of February and near all of March, 1884, is missing. March 23 he wrote. I am at a great loss to know whether or not I should attempt to train the children any longer. Would I do more good than harm? That is the question. Have I or not become a little offensive in my personal appearance and manners? Well, I wish the children well and would benefit them. I fear to attempt to control them under the surroundings.

Some loose leaves of Judge Rutherford's diary, forming a part of the missing years from late 1879 to early 1882, have been found and have some entries of real interest. July 29, 1882, he wrote: There is speaking at Tigertown today, I think I'll go (it was the candidates for Democratic nomination to county offices). July 30, he wrote: Very cloudy, drizzling rain, there is much dread felt about the rain injuring the cotton. Indeed the cotton is badly hurt already, it is too tall...I think I ought to tell something about the picnic yesterday at Tigertown. The most surprising thing was the vast number of watermelons, the next the mammoth size of them. Next the civil friendly good order that prevailed during the day. I did not hear an oath in the vast assembly nor see an intoxicated person. The three young men wishing to be State's Attorney commanded the attention of the people very finely. I have a very warm side for all three of them. Indeed I am at a great loss to take choice. There is a bright future for each of them - Ownby, Clark and Ryan. If they will sign the Temperance pledge and keep it forty years it may be worth a million to them,counting both pocket and conscience. A temperance pledge can be kept sacredly for fifty years, for the writer boasts that he has done it. It is truly said "What has been done can be done again." The writer signed a Temperance pledge in 1832 in Franklin county, Tennessee state. That pledge is sacred and unprofaned today. Again, I will record that altho I have been in Texas near 50 years I have never known so many occasions of real sociality in any one year as in this year of 1882. Our picnics have not been few and far betweena as had been said of Angels' visits. Not a scowling countenance ever seen, the glorious boon of friendship is enjoyed hugely. I'll venture to advert to one little incident of yesterday. As one of the young lawyers finished his speech a loud voice was heard near the stand from an Old Hearer. "A Young Ingersoll". I decline to speak the young lawyer's name. Each one may claim the honor if he can. (I am sure the voice was that of Judge Rutherford himself as he was an admirer of Ingersoll who was noted for his oratorical grace and command of words and phrases. My guess is that he referred to Will Ownby, who was nominated later in the primary for county attorney.) The judge never lost interest in his plans for improving the children in reading and arithmetic. He wrote about this time: I think I'll take two books to Center Hill to be drawn for next Sunday. I want to learn the best manner of proceeding and I'll try a cheap book first lest I should get into an error.

Mar 24 to Apr 15 - Apr 16 to May 4 May 11 to June 8 - June 10 to July 10

you in Carson City that I was going home by stage, but I changed my Base! So in order that you might not be uneasy about my non-arrival I have written you oftener than I would otherwise have done. I expect I shall remain here until I can hear from Clint which will be 4 or 6 weeks, I reckon. Then I will very soon decide on something and leave here. I cant say whether Clint will be ready to go home with me or not, for things are so uncertain in this country. Still, from his last letter I have hopes that he will come. I am making expenses here very well. That's all I expect. I am doing it by working at $4.00 per day in a mine. But I don't think I shall work in the mines but very little here because it is very disagreeable besides dangerous. Still I have done a great deal of such work in this country. I hate the idea of going home so near broke. Still I know that it is not my fault that I am not well off, and I am in better condition than thousands of other sensible, good industrious men in this country and some of my acquaintance. Men make money by Strike or Chance in this country. One in ten thousand probably makes a raise. Perfect Lottery!!! I have a good horse and saddle and $400 in cash. That's my extent of funds. I can scarcely help feeling ashamed of my poor condition after seven years absence from home in a country of gold and silver. Calvin stayed in Austin much longer than the few weeks he expected when he wrote this letter and he continued to write from there during May and June and it was July before he and Clint got together and really started back to Texas. Extracts from his and Clinton's letters to their father will be printed from day to day for a time in this column.

In the diary at this place was copied a letter Judge Rutherford had written, addressed to William S. Bailey. It said:
Dear Sir - A small newspaper came to me yesterday with this title, "The Liberal". Nashville, Tenn., Vol. 2, No. 38, dated April 12, 284. In that you say, "Short Articles." That suits me. I say short articles, small papers. When we are overrun as I am, a sight of a long News Paper Piece frightens us off for that time and two to one if we ever get back to it again. I receive more printed matter than any man in my country. I am old, older than this glorious, progressive Nineteenth Century. Born Jany 31, 1799. I rolled through your promising town on my way to Texas on the 18th day of October, 1835. That day I talked with S. C. Robertson about his colony in Texas. I moved from Franklin County, Tenn. Some said I was wreckless. Some said I was right. So I came. I saw I conquered and yet live. It has been reported that some years ago someone said if he owned hell and Texas he would rent out Texas and live in hell, for the sake of society. Well, I am glad to know and glad to tell you, and the World that no such vile insinuations would be in order now. I might in round terms say, There are no fightings, quarrelings, drunkenness, swearing gambling on my part of Texas. We have good common schools every 4 or 5 miles. Liberalism is almost as popular as Orthodoxy or Churchism. I would be glad to see a number or two of your nice little paper.
On the fly leaf of the diary he had written. This book and another were brought from Paris for me by Milton (one of his young grandsons) on the 10th day of January. I paid him a silver dollar for the two books and I was well pleased with the arrangement. I shall try to keep the books in genteel order. It is a pity that I know so little about bookkeepint I am now too old to learn to do much better. Since it is no better, I am glad it is no worse.

Aug. 5, 1882, I am in very good health. I expect to go to Forest Hill today to the election. I don't know how I'll vote but I reckon I'll vote for Davis and Ownby...I voted for Davis and Clark and John Stephens. Ownby went ahead. Judge James Davis was a candidate for the legislature and was elected in 1882. John Clark was a candidate for county attorney, as was Lewis Ryan, both being defeated by J. W. Ownby. John B. Stephens was a candidate for county commissioner and was elected.)

Then Judge Rutherford reverted to something that he thought was a flaw in the road laws. He said: Now I feel like alluding to something which our legislature should take in hand. I mean working the public roads. Who can help seeing how very cruel and partial the law that requires a poor white man or Freedman to work as many days work on the road in one year as the man with one hundred thousand dollars property. Especially when we call to mind that the Rich man wears out more road in one week, hauling bales of cotton, hay etc. to market than the poor man does in ten or perhaps twenty years. If the ad valorem plan is just at all it is just the same clear through for revenue purposes. One philosopher said, Time is money, and so say I. It is a true and noble sentiment. Just think, A little bridge on a little branch was wrecked. Three hired men could have repaired it in two hours. The Overseer warned out his forty hands. They met and chaffered and laughed and tried to swap ponies until about forty good day's work was lost instead of three hours for three men. Such a policy would beggar a rich government continued long enough. Time is Money. The Book says, Deliver us from evil. I say, Deliver us from such partial and such wasteful laws.

Then he wrote: I was at preaching last night. Mr. Despain preached. He did very well indeed, proving that a person should be baprized that he may be pardoned. He did it up nice. I have covered up my cut peaches against the rain very well. Frank has gone to Paris with two wagons for a cotton press.

On a page of one of his diaries undated and apparently a copy of a letter written to the publisher of a Free Thought paper, Judge Rutherford set forth at some length what may be called his Creed or pholosophy of life. He said:
I am called Grandpa, the Honest Old Infidel. But I will say, the World is my home and to do good is my Religion. I never forget that Heaven must be taken with us when we go. I'll get you subscribers if I can. I have three sons living in sight of my home. Take their names and try them. They will hear when they would neglect to hear me.Viz. C. P., J. C., and N. F. Rutherford. I regard them as Freethinkers. We are a well disposed church going people, some of us as blind as a bat about progress. The day of miracles has passed. Now we must always remember that every man's way or creed is right in his own eyes and we should not condemn. We never read that Paul was sent to hell for hating the Christians. No doubt he suffered loss in mind for the act or deed. His regrets gave both Heaven and hell, that is, both pleasure and pain. So I think Man's whole existence will be a mixture of pleasure and pain. A taste of the bitter makes the sweet sweeter. We regret our crimes from choice. We regret as a duty. Doing duty always gives peace of conscience.

We shall always be capable of doing wrong. When we get a proper idea of wrong we choose to regret it. The regret is hell but the recollection of it is Heaven. So there is no absolute Heaven and no absolute hell. Sometimes Heaven is in the ascendancy and sometimes hell is in the ascendancy. I think this is good enough here and will be good enough forever. I guess all the planets are inhabited by intellectual beings. Each planet will be the home proper for its denizens but they will possess great powers of locomotion and will visit any part of the Universe. I look for the denizens of Jupiter or any other planet to visit the Earth. I shall love to see them, I think. And the mode of travel. How it will be improved. Perhaps I shall be able to make a circle of the Earth in 24 hours. Electricity is quicker than that now. Variety seems to be essential to man's happiness. He is born with the love of change. We don't know when the Earth was peopled, nor how. But perhaps it was the best plan at the time, but a better plan may now exist. Suppose a larger planet than any we know of should be discovered. Would we not wish to see its inhabitants? We may have the means in the Spirit world. Who will limit the powers of Nature or of God. The peopling of this world is wonderful but it is common and we do not think much about it. The day may come when the citizens of different planets may swap homes. Extravagant thought, but who will say it is impossible? Who knew how to cross the Atlantic before Columbus?

Judge Rutherford's diary was apparently not handly all the time and in May, 1882 he wrote on the fly leaves of a little book on spiritualism the things that he would doubtless have put in his diary. This book belongs to his grandson Lester Rutherford, who lives at Petty, and who has allowed me to use it. May 9, 1882 he wrote, I am at Calvin's, a wonderful rainy time. Jane is as well as usual. I think I am rising in health a little. I have made satisfactory arrangements with the three boys (his sons) and have given up all the old notes by giving two for one - $800 for $400.
May 15, I was at Center Hill yesterday. I gave Calvin's notes of $800 to him and he paid me $400. I gave the 50 per cent on $800 to each, but I don't expect to give them any more soon. (16) Clinton paid my tax of $14.90 after he had got it reduced from $48.50 down to $14.90, that was very lucky in him. (20) I was pretty unwell yesterday. Jane up knitting, she is improving. I wish to go to the debate tonight and to a sermon tomorrow by T. E.
May 21. Jane and I at Calvin's, we have eaten a hearty breakfast. (22) Jane and I improving. She walks pretty well with her crutch and walking stick....An unpleasant scene in the room. The mother and son a very tight scuffle, she trying to whip him for whipping his little brother, Lester. The event is to be regretted very much or I am wrong.
May 27. Calvin and his children got home last night. Tip remained with her mother. (29) I have just read a fine piece describing making a hog trough. The The use of it in Lamar County one year would be a benefit of thousands.

About two years before his death Judge Rutherford wrote in one of his diaries:
MY BURIAL. I hope that my clothing in which I die may be clean and nice. I wish no dressing of the dead body, just lifted into the coffin and a white linen spread over it. Let it be done in 10 or 15 minutes after the breath is gone. I wish to be buried near the Northeast corner of the Original Rutherford Survey. I wish a ten (10) feet lot enclosed with iron palings around the grave and a weeping willow set at the head. I hope my coffin may not be opened at the grave. The reason I wish a coffin on hand, if I die by a cancer, which is a little likely, my body would be apt to smell...I do it to befriend my survivors who have to watch.

Judge Rutherford died January 2, 1887, just four weeks and a day before his 88th birthday. His wife, Jane Kennedy Rutherford, died January 1, 1887, six days after her 85th birthday. Lester Rutherford, a grandson, tells me that the judge and his wife were in separate rooms in their last illness. Mrs. Rutherford died in the early night and though the judge was not told of it he was convinced that she was dead, despite the refusal of members of the family to tell him. He insisted that he knew Jane was dead and told them that when her coffin was sent for they should also send for his, as he would soon be gone. A wagon had already been sent to Paris for Mrs. Rutherford's coffin, and another was sent to get his coffin when the judge died about six hours later. The two wagons, one coming to Paris, the other returning with Mrs. Rutherford's coffin, met on the road near Pine creek west of Paris. The two were buried in a double grave. An incident of which I heard soon after I came to Paris, told by a woman who had lived as a child in Honey Grove was of a storm that occurred there more than ten years before. In one of Judge Rutherford's books he mentions this storm briefly. He said: 1866, May 19. I was at Honey Grove today and saw the effects of the late whirlwind. It was a sickening sight. Rudolph's Mart Wilsons and Sloan's houses are blown down. Stapps, Mrs. Bakers and mine are unroofed. Perhaps 15 or 20 chimneys blown down. Some say 8 or 10 thousand dollars would be necessary to cover the damages. The dreadful tornado occurred at about 6 o'clock p. m. on Monday the 7th May, 1866. Its main track in Honey Grove was about 60 or 70 yards wide, from about south 25 degrees west to north 25 degrees east. (The judge was a surveyor and used surveying terms.)

When I began last October reproducing for this column parts of the diary of Judge John A. Rutherford, I said that I believed it would prove the most interesting story I had been able to offer in this column since its beginning, now near ten years ago. Now that it is finished, or at least all of it that remains in possession of his decendants, and I have heard the comments of various readers, I am convinced that I was correct in my forecast. There was nothing sensational in the diary - that is what to my mind gave its charm and its worthiness to be reproduced. It, was simple every-day thoughts and actions of a man who was well along to and finally passed his eighty years of life- a man who had come to Texas against advice of his friends in old Tennessee and who had overcome difficulties of which we know nothing today, except by hearsay or tradition. None of that however was in the diary, or at best only brief references. The judge's religious belief (or lack of it if you please) did not prevent him being a kindly openhanded man, interested in youth and its education, in the welfare of his fellow man, in his state and county. At the age he had reached when the available diary began, his ideas were of course somewhat out of tune with those of the younger generation. That is so today and always will be as long as the world rolls. He deplored what was to him late rising, of too much idleness, of lack of decipline for children and of decent respect by younger people for old age and its occasional foibles. He had been a leader of men in Lamar county years before he wrote this part of his diary, though I do not know that he had written one earlier. He was chosen by the Congress of the Texas Republic as the first chief Justice of Lamar county when the county was created - that in itself showing what manner of man John A. Rutherford was, for men were not chosen to such positions in those days except they were worthy. After leaving the office he had devoted his time and energy to accumulating

Dec. 28, 1869, This is Jane's birthday. She is 67 years old this day. She is at this moment in the room getting breakfast, in pretty good health and spirits. So am I - in good health. Clint went to Hugh's yesterday, Monday.

Dec. 30, Caperton and Reeves here last night. I was at Snowden's shop yesterday. Dec. 31. Deaf Mr. Bliss here all night. 125 horses here all night. Sold $10 worth of corn.

New Years Day, Bully for me. I have seen 71. Once an infant, now an old man. This is Saturday. Temperture 32. Clint is a little sick. I stocked a plow brot up a cow and calf yesterday.
Sunday, Jan 2, We are all well. Patton, Burrus and Gose here. Jan. 7. All well and at work. Dr. Guild here. He goes to Paris. Leaves Sherman. Jan. 10. Clint and Fran have gone to timber. Jan. 12. Dowd here. Clint goes to Paris for Revenue Tax assessment. Great rain yesterday on Clint in the timber.
Jan. 13. Clint was at Paris yesterday. Brought iron tools and seeds. Did not see Hocker. Got ink and quart of whiskey to cure Dyspepsia. I fear for him.
Jan. 14. Rainy time. Temperature 40. Widow Storey here. She and her family in worse fix than any family I have seen this Winter. She has five children. The 1st and 2nd are sons, the other 3 are daughters. A yoke of oxen is the team, and they can't go, too weak. We shall have a very fine opportunity to exhibit our kindness to the widow and fatherless. Will we act the part of the Good Samaritan ? We shall prove ourselves good Infidels and whow the true Religion that James speaks of.
Jan. 16, 1870, Temperature 40. All well, Jane and I get breakfast. The frame plow don't go but we'll fix it yet I think. 3 o'clock p. m. temperatures rise to 69. Weather breeder. I have been fixing Clint's plow a good part of the Sunday and that is no sin unless someone saw me whose happiness was thereby lessened. I don't think that anyone saw me at work today whose happiness was thereby diminished.
Feb. 2. Fine work time. Tate is here on a lecturing tour. Feb. 3. Tate yet here, all well, only Clint complains. Feb. 5. Temperature 31. Snowing. No plowing today. Killed hogs yesterday. Feb. 6. A family here in the east room and 2 others.
Feb. 7. This day last week was my birthday. I have neglected to record my religious feelings, as I have heretofore done on my birthday, so I think I shall say something on the next page on that subject. I am 71 years old and 7 days this morning. I am in good healthe for a man of my age.
Feb. 8. Plowed yesterday. Shall plow today I think. 3 peddlers here, Ferguson. This day week I was 71 years of age. I cant hope to live long. But I think I fdar death as little as common people, perhaps less. I am satisfied that there is no consciousness of existence after the death of the body. I beleive my best interest in this life is to be good. I am determined to be good.
Feb. 10. Temperature 45. Very fine weather indeed. 3 men and 1 lady here. Roberts and wife, Wilson and Humphries.
Feb. 14. Jane grunting a little. We go to plowing in the raw prairie. (He was 71 years old at this time). Use the frame plow. This is the anniversary of my marriage day, 1827 I was married to Jane Kennedy in Franklin County, State of Tennessee, 47 years ago.
June 4. All well, Clint goes to Honey Grove mill with corn. I neglected to tell that Tip, Jane and myself got eight pictures apiece. Jane and I gave Mrs. Travelstead and Mrs. Hocker one apiece. We bot them at 4 for $1.

Aug. 8. Lasch here. Clint cuts burs in corn. Frank out with Sundies on, perhaps at Elba's...He came home, brot Elba's brother and Mr. Pitman. Tip came and staid all night. All well, Mitty too (Mittywas Mrs. M. B. Rutherford, son of Calvin Rutherford, and was publisher of the Daily Tribune in Paris in the nineties of last century.)
Revival meetings were in season in 1870, and Sept. 11 Judge Rutherford wrote in his diary: Nobody here but Jane, Clint and I. All well, but I hope there will not be rain today. It is a two days meeting time at Forest Hill. Piner and Parkhill were there yesterday. They will both preach today I guess and what a bore it will be to enlightened persons. A singing school gives pleasure but such preaching is some Hell on Earth to an enlightened, virtuous Infidel. He knows not whether to pity or despise...Mr. Sparks preached. Piner sick. Two went down to be prayed for. One of the follies of the age.
Nov. 13. Wielding Rutherford and wife and three children went into Ribble's house. Also G. Simmons and wife came here to work for 25 dollars. Fielding is to have 18 acres for the third of the corn and the fourth of the cotton. Bot 100 bushels corn from Parker for $65, corn at Yate's in specie.
Nov. 16. Big frost. Temperature 27½. Clint and George went to timber to make boards. Fielding Rutherford starts to move off.
Jan. 1, 1871, Very warm. Have but a moment to make this entry, going with Jane, Nancy, Bettie and Buck to Cal's to get dinnef.....Went, Met Mr. and Mrs. Brown and Mary Smith there. Cal, Tip, Mittie and J. E. C. Rutherford all well. George Simmons got home from Sulphur Springs.
Jan. 31. Temp. 30. All well. My Birthday!!! 72 years old. I would be glad to be able to make an interesting entry on my Birthday, but what to say, I know not. Well, I'll say that I hope to live to be fourscore or more years old. Next I'll say that I fear no evil after death,for I have no expectation of knowing anything after the decomposition of my body. I have no objection to immortality but have no hope of living forever. Hell after Death I hold to be a fiction, a Priestly Humbug.
Feb. 1. All well, Frank is perhaps a little sick, he is in bed. Clint at Paris.. He came home at dark. No doubt he had consulted lawyers in regard to the land difficulty between himself and Calvin. If he did I regard it as a great display of ignorance and meaness. He will lose both character and money if he sues Calvin. I wish to God I had never given the land to them. Perhaps it will be the cause of ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ the death of one or both of them.
March 12. I have written by candlelight one page of letter to John Kennedy.
March 16. I have backed two letters this morning. One to T. J. Wood, the other to J. Kennedy. I shall mail them tomorrow at Honey Grove.
Dec. 15. Temp. 20, as cold a day as you ever saw. I think I shall plow... I plowed all day and had a very bad cold. (He was then lacking about a month of being 73 years old) Dec. 16. Temp. 38, Cal killed pork hogs yesterday. My cold is very bad this morning. I reckon Clint and Johnson will plow today.
Dec. 18, 12 o'clock noon, I have been plowing. Temp. 62. Dec. 19. This day 36 years ago I landed in Texas. Hundreds of persons who were in Texas at that time are dead. I can't count a dozen now living that I knew then. Death Reigns!! I plowed from dinner until night in the prairie. Dec. 20. Temperature 15, Too cold to plow. Fixing hearth.
This concludes Judge Rutherford's diary covering the period from September 13, 1869 to December 28, 1871. There is about four years between this record and the one I printed previously, covering the period August 1876, through May 1882, with some omissions due to missing pages. So far as has been learned there are no more of the diaries that have been preserved, though I have no doubt the

Judge wrote them for many years. The reader of these homely and brief entries can get from them a true picture of daily life of a Texas pioneer family during the earlier years of our history, one that is worth preserving. In this last diary are some other entries, illustrating Judge Rutherfords carefulness in keeping account of his financial affairs., which I shall repring in part as showing what a methodical man he was. They will appear the next two days.

Judge Rutherford had a dwelling in Honey Grove, apparently a large house for it was big enough for two tenants. The entries in his little diary show his detail in keeping accounts. The entries read:

Ann B. Shelton Dr for the use of the west portion of my house in Honey Grove from the 10th of Aug. 1869 up to this 25th day of July 1870 at the rate of $8 per month Greenback, thenceforth at $8 Specie.

This is the 8th Octr. 1871. Mrs. Shelton paid me Sixtyfive Dollars (65.00) in boarding & teaching Texalena Stephens (She was the Judge's granddaughter) five months during the Summer session of the year 1871.

Sunday the Diary will tell of the painting of Forest Hill Academy.

June 10, 1884, the diary said, Bright morning, Frank and Buck plowing. I finished a big letter to Jacob Gregg (Gregg was author of a system of shorthand, which Judge Rutherford wrote and which he called Phonography).
July 4, Boys plowing. I am uneasy about my letters not getting to the P. O. I must curtail my writing business. I'm too old at last. This is Independence day. Very doubtful about me ever seeing another. I shall likely call it to mind in the next life. I will hope I shall.
July 6, I don't feel much inclined to go to Center Hill today. I could not do much good. Milton was here with Buck Bowen last night, they suit. (7) I feel very old this morning. I am not willing to die today. I have no fear of being punished in the next world more than I shall judge is right and just. I shall always be my own judge. When I shall have suffered as much and as long as I judge is right, I shall suffer no longer unless I sin. I judge I shall always be capable of sinning and so may always deserve punishment. I wrote that sentiment to Brother Akers.
Nov. 20, 1876, Temp. 40. Jesse Herd has gone after sweet potatoes with Mr. Fuqua. He is to bring me 8 bushels. He took 8 bushels of corn for me. Billy is chopping wood. Jane is well enough to be fixing hen nests. I have requested Jack to kill Puppy. Puppy killed sheep of Ormit's. There are ten thousand times too many dogs in the United States. The dogs ought to be taxed heavily so as to thin them out.

Calvin Rutherford stopped in Austin, Nevada, longer than he expected. He had written his father from Austin April 18, 1866, telling why he was there. April 26 he wrote again, saying:
I am yet living and in pretty good health. My rheumatism improves. I reckon you think me quite changeable when you get another letter from this place. I stopped here hoping to hear from Clint saying he would go home with me and as I concluded to go home horseback, I thot it advisable to wait and see what he would like to do. Boise City is about 400 miles north of this place and this place about the same distance west of Salt Lake. Again, by waiting I thot John Featherston would go with me. I don't know that John will go but the chances are that he will. I have been here I reckon about 10 days. I wrote

something to leave to his sons and daughters and this he did in a considerable degree. So in the late afternoon and evening of his life we find him realizing that he is somewhat outmoded and this brings him sorrow rather than anger or rebellion. The diary is one of the most human of all word pictures I have ever seen and again I say that it is an invaluable document, the publication of which was a privilege I appreciate and this appreciation is shared by many others, who read The Paris News.

Feb. 27. But he didn't go and I went by myself and got to Paris at sunset and stayed all night at Brother Peterson's. He and his lovely wife treat me as if I was a beloved father. I have great respect for them, Sure.

I am to make a deed for the 12 1-2 acres and Lewis is to come for it in a week or two and bring some money and give notes for the balance. The price of the land is $187 1-2 and I want him to pay me one-half down in money. I must bond the land for payment of the notes. I am about to turn a leaf and have another page (This was written on the last line of the page and he evidently did not want to start a new day and run it over. Nowhere in the diary was this done). March 1. Great rain last night. March 2, Johnson and Joe have gone to breaking prairie. I ought to go to the Grove to fix lots for Wm. Lewis and others, but I dread it so much perhaps I shall not go.....I went and stayed at Martin Wilson's all night. March 3, I went and surveyed for the darky. I have one lot between William Lewis and Coly. Lacks a fraction in width. Got home late. March 4. Fine clear weather. Many friends with me this morning to-wit: Jas. R. Glasscock, Bill Johnson, Joe Fuqua, last but not least, Frank. I did not go to meeting or singing. James R. Glasscick was married this 4th of March to a Miss Owen. A very good match I guess. At least I'll say that I think James has sold himself at a very fair price.

Clint and Cal Rutherford, sons of Judge John A. Rutherford, went to California some time before the war between the sections and were there and in adjacent states several years. While there the father wrote them a letter, which bears no date, but was evidently written during the war. The letter was brought back and is now kept by Cal's son, Lester, who allows me to copy it. The judge said: Dear sons. I shall here tell you of the sad circumstances under which I heard the song sung which you find on the opposite side. I heard it sung in the jail in the town of Paris. I suppose that I have told you previously that D. M. Morrison and Franklin were arrested in company when attempting to go to the North. They were handcuffed in the Choctaw Nation and brot to Paris and put in jail. Your mother, Mrs. Morrison and myself went to see them. After we left them and came down stairs we heard Dan and Frank sing that song. Oh, my feelings then. Those feelings can never be described. That song and tune have more of the power of death over me than any other which I have ever heard. I send it to you but may the fates forbid that it make you feel as it has made me feel. I have never heard it since without my eyes being moistened. Boys, your two little letters of recent date have been read to many of your friends. I don't hunt the original. I go to my letter book wherein is every letter which I have received from you since I saw you is recorded, and I read from that book. I commenced that book near seven years ago. Her it will delight you to peruse that fine well bound book, worth 80 cts when blank, when you get home. It is all in your father's handwrite. All your phonographic letters are transcribed in common hand. Likewise the letters I sent you and you sent back are nicely ironed out and stiched and hanging on the wall. Even the letter which Dan Hocker sent you into California, that is with the others in good order.

Laura Hocker is dead. Dan Hocker wrote to me about two weeks ago. Preston Hocker is now a doctor. Fannie is teaching. Dan is clerk of the district court. He is a whole souled Union man. Henry Grove was Union except about three. This country is chock full of renegades from Missouri and Arkansas who are low-flung Secesh. The two sorts hate each with perfect hatred and must thro life or I am mistaken. Boys, you must write every month till you come. Calvin, as soon as you read this, you must mail it to Clinton. And Clinton, as soon as you read it you must sit down and write to me. I shall look for you by June next. Last night I talked with you in my dreams and saw you, I thot. Farewell Boys. J. A. Rutherford.

The song to which the judge referred was titled, "Twenty Years Ago", and he copied the words on the reverse side of the letter. Preston Hocker was for years a physician at Clarksville and died some years ago. His father, D. M. Hocker, lived in Paris and had been an early day school teacher in several places in north Texas. I do not know of what county Dick was district clerk, but it was not Lamar County. Some readers of this column may remember that Lamar county was one of the Texas counties that voted against secession.

Yellow Journal Failed in Paris

In The Paris Morning News, dated November 27, 1897, there was this paid notice: "A Card. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir — I hereby request that you leave my name, my private business and everything pertaining to my affairs out of your paper, and oblige. J. M. Fort, Paris, Texas, Nov. 25, 1897."

I regret that I do not remember what the Tribune had said to cause Dr. Fort to have this printed. I am sure I knew it at the time, but not everything I ever knew remains in my memory.

The Tribune was published for a short time by M. B. Rutherford, a grandson of Judge John A. Rutherford. The young man had inherited some money, had been well educated, and had determined to be a newspaper publisher. He came to Paris with the announced intention of publishing a better newspaper than A.P. Boyd's Morning News and Billy Furey's Evening Advocate. Rutherford built a two-story frame house at the corner of Clarksville and Jefferson streets, where he started his daily newspaper which he named The Tribune.

"Mit" Rutherford was an odd character. I think his name was Milton, but he was known by the shorter name to everyone. He was an albino, and that, added to his Tribune's method of presenting news, made him a "character" during his brief period of newspaper publishing. He was ready and willing to back any statement that he printed, and in consequence was engaged in various personal encounters, though none with a serious result.

The Rutherford Tribune was published much like the then notorious Kansas City Sunday Sun, a scandal sheet that will be remembered by some Paris people. The Sun had a considerable circulation hereabouts, like that of the Police Gazette. It was sold by an agent and had no mail subscribers. It carried stories without naming the persons involved but describ[illegible] them so that they could be re[illegible]nized, and some prominent citizens were in that way charged with moral laxity which was wholly unfounded.

Rutherford seldom had praise of anything. His accounts of city council meetings featured the squabbles that were frequent then and he practiced "personal journalism" fully. A young lawyer had married a young woman school teacher and she continued teaching. The Tribune saw fit to remark that a lawyer who made his living by his wife teaching school was not much lawyer, or words to that effect. No names were used but everybody knew who was meant. The result was a fight between the lawyer and Rutherford, in which neither was much hurt.

But The Tribune had few subscribers and fewer advertisements and presently was discontinued. Its owner sold the machinery and left Paris, a town that he felt had not properly appreciated his work. And I wish I could remember what he had said to call forth Dr. Fort's card.

Bible Verse

September 19, 1953

Mr. M. Drexel Rutherford
Warrenville Road
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

With reference to your letter concerning your father

MILTON BROWN RUTHERFORD

in newspaper business here in paris, Texas, Judge A. W. Neville states the following:

He did establish a newspaper here in paris, having constructed at the time of establishment a two story fram building on the corner of Clarksville street and Second Street South East.

The lower floor was his business office and press room, while the up stair was his composing room, all type was set by hand, and as Judge Neville states, "He had a very nice plant for the day".

Judge Neville states that this business did not last too long, and tha t Milton Brown Rutherford moved to Chicago, Illinois where he purchased Linotype machines and established a typesetting plant. You probable know all the details of that.

Judge Neville siad that any mention of your father was just a notation-and that thearticle would not be of any great value to you. In fact, he said he did not recall when the article was written.

Page 2.

Judge Neville states that your father purchased this newspa e plant in Paris after receiving his share of the John A. utherford estate. Now, have you geceived or had made a copy of the probate records of John Al Rutherford's estate? This would certainly be important data for your files.

Trusting that this will be of some help to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Bray

Eugene Bray
c/o Paris News
Paris, Tex s

PS. Did you get to borrow the John A. Rutherford Diary?

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March 12, 1951

Mr. M.D. Rutherford
Chicago Fence and Equipment Company
4400 Addison Street
Chicago 41, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

I'm sorry, but the Census index cards do not make any indication of the full middle name of John A. Rutherford. I have not been able to secure any information through the University records either. Milton Brown Rutherford, born in Lamar County on December 21, 1868, was registered as a special student in the University in 1902. He gave his residence as San Antonio and his father's name as J.C. Rutherford, a stockman. I checked the J.C. in two places. There is no indication of the school previously attended.

Masonic affiliation would be best checked with the Texas Grand Lodge, Waco, Texas. They have recently opened a new library and are most considerate in checking information.

I have not been able to locate anything further on Lamar Academy. There may be material in the Archives, but we have not the staff or facilities for doing intensive research. It is possible that you have again written to Miss Jarrett and that she may have some other leads.

Sincerely yours,

Llerena Friend

Llerena Friend
Librarian, Barker Texas History Center

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Data from Compendium Amer.Gen. (IAG)

Chart 1- (16 & 17) JOHN ADAMS RUTHERFORD, b 1799 d 1887
m 1827 to Jane Kennedy b 1802 d 1887
(res Petty, Lamar Co.,Texas)

JAR- first chief ~~judge~~ justice, Lamar Co., Republic of Texas, when it was formed, 1840- served full term, 1845, just before the Republic was admitted to the Union.

JANE KENNEDY's ancestors took active part in the Revolutionary War and early wars pertaining to the settlement of the State of Franklin, prior to its admission to the Union as tthe states of Tenn.

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Re: John Adams Rutherford

My record indicates that John Adams Rutherford was born on January 31, 1799, in Cocke County, Tennessee, and that he had a sister Maria who married T. J. Woods, later of Scotsboro County, Alabama.

According to family history, begun by my aunt in 1897, John Adam Rutherford's father's name was Archibald. His mother's name is not given, but he named his only daughter Amanda, and also possibly the name Maria might have some meaning.

John Adams Rutherford emigrated to Franklin County, Tennessee, where in the census of 1820, he is shown as a single man living in Hillsboro, which later became Coffee County.

He married Jane Kennedy, daughter of Thomas Kennedy, and I believe Thomas was a son of Colonel Daniel Kennedy of Greeneville, Tennessee.

John Adams Rutherford emigrated to Texas in 1835, settling in what was then Red River County, and later, when Lamar County was formed, he became the firs Chief Justice of the County, being elected by the Republic of Texas Congress.

There was a family rumor that there was a connection by marriage between the Rutherfords and Sam Houston, who was the President of the Republic of Texas. I can find no confirmation of this although there were Rutherfords in, and around, the area where the Houston came from in Virginia. John Adams Rutherford stated in the census of 1880, that both his parents were born in Virginia which would indicate that his grand-parents possibly were the immigrants.

I am also interested in the Kennedy and the Gillis families of Greene County, Tennessee.

H. Drexel Rutherford
The Wood House
Warrenville Road
Wheaton, Illinois

EXCERPTS FROM

THE HISTORY OF LAMAR COUNTY (Texas)
by A. W. Neville
Published by The North Texas Publishing Co.
Paris, Texas

Re: John A. Rutherford

Page 15 - John A. Rutherford (is mentioned as "Some of The Pioneers") The year of arrival 1835.

Page 29 - Chief Justice Elected - Representative Latimer of Red River County nominated John A. Rutherford for chief justice of Lamar county.

Page 31 - "In the county of Lamar" and associate justices to Chief Justice Rutherford were ----

Page 32 - Justice John A. Rutherford agreed to make the survey. Whether the treasury supplied the money, or it was raised by subscription, or indeed if Justice Rutherford was ever paid, is not in the record.

Justice Rutherford was probate judge by virtue of his office as chief justice, and he sat as probate judge February 22, 1841, presumably after the work of the county court was done. Only two cases were presented in probate. William M. (Buckskin) Williams, an attorney, filed application for letters of administration on the estate of Elijah Benton deceased, and Justice Rutherford ordered advertisement made of the application .....

Page 34 - June 22, 1841, John Watson had executed to Chief Justice Rutherford for the benefit of Lamar county, a bond of $50,000 .....

Page 35 - ....as the permanent seat of justice in and for said county of Lamar, to the said John A. Rutherford, president of the board of commissioners of roads and revenues, and his associates and their successors in office for .....

Page 37 - November 1 was set for the meeting but only the chief justice and clerk being present that day of adjournment was taken to next day, November 2, when Justice Rutherford and his associates, Nowell and Wm. M. Crisp were present.

Page 38 - ...and Justice Rutherford was appointed to "Call on persons who have donated land to Lamar county ...

The account of Justice Rutherford for survey and determining the point midway ....

The next recorded meeting was October 24, 1842, with Justice Rutherford Nowell and John T. Harmon, the latter replacing Crisp. There was no record of any business, nor was there afterwards any of action on the claim for surveying by Justice Rutherford.

Page 39 - April 24, 1843, Chief Justice Rutherford was at Lafayette to open court and .....

Page 40 - The last recorded meeting is January 22, 1844. Justices Rutherford and Nowell .....

Page 43 - Justice Rutherford, who had been elected when the county was created, therefore served until the election of February, 1945.

Page 48 - The bill, enacted in April, named George W. Wright, Claiborne Chisum, John A. Rutherford .... as incorporators, giving them the usual powers conferred on corporation, ...

Page 49 - In December, 1847, the commissioners to sell lots in Paris made deed to John A. Rutherford, ...

Page 52 - At the election in 1845, William M. Crisp was chosen to succeed Judge John Rutherford as chief justice. This election was the last under the Republic.

M. D. Rutherford,
The Wood House,
Warrenville Road,
Wheaton, Illinois

Rutherford, John Adams

A.W. Neville, The History of Lamar County (Paris: North Texas Publishing Co.1937)

p. 29-30. Thursday, December 17, 1840, the same day the vice president approved the Act creating Lamar County, the Senate informed the House that it was ready to receive from the House any nominations for chief justice of counties in which there was no chief justice. Representative Latimer of Red River county nominated John A. Rutherford for chief justice of Lamar county. Representative Porter of Red River county nominated Wm. M. Crisp, who was afterwards appointed assessor of taxes for Red River county.

Friday, December 18, the ballot was taken separately inthe two houses of the Congress. In the House Mr. Rutherford received 24 votes, Mr. Crisp received 9 votes. In the Senate Mr. Rutherford received 7 votes, Mr. Crisp received 4 votes. The totals were Mr. Rutherford 31, Mrs. Crist 13, The Speaker of the House announced the result and Mr. Rutherford was declared elected chief justice for Lamar County.....

p. 48--- Lamar Academy Incorporated

There were most certainly schools of some sort at or before this time. An old-timer said many years ago that the first school was taught by A.J. Fowler but gave no details. In the same year the court house was begun, 1846, the legislature granted a charter for the Lamar Academy. The bill, enacted in April, named George W. Wright, Claiborne Chisum, John A. Rutherford, Henry D. Woodsworth, Hamlin N. Williams and Calvin C. Cooper as incorcorators,...

p.52 At the election in 1945 William M. Crisp was chosen to succeed Judge John Rutherford as chief justice. This election was the last under the Republic.

The Census of 1850 lists John A. Rutherford -- born in Tennessee, in Lamar County in 1850- aged forty-two.

Newspaper citations on Rutherford included the enclosed

Another J.A. Rutherford, born in Tennessee, was in Fannin county in 1860 - aged 61.

Northern Standard (Clarksville)

Sept.3, 1842, p.3, c.2: Various marriages performed "by Judge Rutherford," "The above were all of Lamar County."

1. May 29, 1844, p.3, c.1: Marriage in Lamar Co. performed by "the Hon. John A. Rutherford."

2. Oct. 2, 1844, p. 3, c.3: Same marriage "by J.A. Rutherford, Chief Justice."

3. Oct. 30, 1844, p. 4, c.1: Attachment suit notice signed "John A. Rutherford, J.P., Lamar County."

4. Aug. 8, 1846, p.2, c.4: Official returns from Lamar county elections of July 13, "W.M. Crisp, for Chief Justice, 225
J.W. Rutherford, 185 "

5. June 23, 1855, p.1, c. 2: "Temperance Procession at Honey Grove" a letter from "N"; among the "gentlemen spectators... our old friend, Judge Rutherford, formerly of Lamar County, bearing in his hand a large Bible, and who, I am informed, was one of the first movers of this benevolent enterprise at that place."

6. Nov. 10, 1855, p.2, c.4: Letter dated Oct. 5, 1855 to Major DeMorse from P.W. Titus of Honey Grove"... I have done the above work (threshing) within ten miles of my residence, with the exception of 440 bushels at J.A. Rutherford's, 12 miles distant."

7. Sept. 5, 1857, p. 2, c.7: Advertisement of Honey Grove Male and Female Academy: J.A. Rutherford one of those offering board to students.

The Standard (Clarksville), April 28, 1860, p. 2, c.5:

Honey Grove, Tex., Ap'l 24, '60.

Maj. DeMorse: Sir:—In your paper (The Standard) of March 24, 1860, and in the published letter of C. P. Rutherford, of California, and at the 24th line from the bottom of said letter, I find an error. The word "We," should be simply "W." I regret that that error, which I suppose to be an error in setting the type, has occurred. Please refer to the "copy," and correct that word "We," and show that it ought to be "W." The copy reads—"W. came on to Black Fork," &c. The stealing affair therein reported, is referable to "W," and not to "S.," as I fear has been understood by some. I hope the public will be corrected through the Standard in regard to "S," for the original letter holds "S," entirely innocent in the case.

Yours with respect,

J. A. RUTHERFORD

THOMAS A. JOHNSON
REPRESENTATIVE
COFFEE COUNTY
MANCHESTER

House of Representatives
State of Tennessee

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Manchester, Tenn.,
Sept. 14, 1949

Mr. M. L. Rutherford,
Warrenville Road,
Wheaton, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

I have been doing some work in the Register's office of our County regarding your family titles, but to date have not had too much success.

I have found a family of Rutherford's however, but all of the direct descendents are now out of Coffee County. Two half sisters of the last of the Rutherford boys live in this section and I have talked with them on two occasions. They are writing one of their half brothers in Texas as they feel that perhaps he will know something of the family history and will be able to tell whether or not John A. Rutherford is one of their ancestors.

To date, I have not been able to find where John A. Rutherford ever conveyed away the land covered by the copies of deeds that you left with me. I am trying to obtain a copy of the original plat of the town of Hillsboro, hoping that I can locate lots 19, 20 and 21 with their present owners and then trace the title back to John A. Rutherford.

Yours very truly,

Thos. A. Johnson

Thos. A. Johnson,
Attorney at Law.

THOS. A. JOHNSON
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
MANCHESTER, TENN.

Oct. 11th., 1949

Mr. M. D. Rutherford,
Warrenville Road,
Wheaton, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Rutherford: Re: John A. Rutherford

I have made a pretty thorough search of the records of the Register's office of Coffee County Tennessee, and also of the old minutes of the County Court and of the records of the Clerk of the County Court, and I find no record in our County of Mr. John A. Rutherford, except the deeds that were recorded conveying land in the vicinity of Hillsboro to him. I have come to the conclusion that he must have conveyed the property to another grantee prior to the date that our county was established or else some disposition was made of the estate for taxes, etc. I am unable to find any trace of it.

The Mr. Rutherford in Texas, who originally came from the Hillsboro section of our County, has not yet replied to the letter of inquiry regarding his family history. That may shed some light on our search when his reply comes.

Unless you can think of some other check that I can make on this matter, I will return the papers that you left with me when you where here last summer.

Yours very truly,

Thos. A. Johnson

Thos. A. Johnson.

Honey Grove, Tex. Sept 3rd. 1953

Mr. M. D. Ruthe rford

Chicago, Ill.

In answer tp your le tter of Aug 18th..

I did not know Judge Rutherford, but knew 4 sons, as follows; J Cal. Frank, Clint, Mitt. I dont know if he had any girls

"Cal" as I remember, had 2 sons , Lester and Justin and a daughter Viola; I dont know his w ife's maiden name

Frank, I do not know who his wife was, nimber of children, I am acquainted with Mrs. Joe Bevil, who may have been a daughter

Mitt. Rutherford if he had any family I do not know

"Clint Rutherford, first married, Miss Judith Craddock (who was a sister of my mother) to this union was born Geo Rutherford, George was killed by Will Scruggs. Hewas about 20 at death Mrs Judith Rutherford lost her mind and divorced by "Clint"

Clint as I understand was married the second time I dont know to whom but to them was born a daughter, who is now Ruby Dial

I think there is a number of the younge r generation living in and around Petty, Tex; you doubtless contatted them on your visit recently

I hope the little information I am passing on t o you, may a help to y ou.

Sincerely,

C B Trout
Box 355
Honey Grove, Tex

Archibald Rutherford

I do not have a date for the birth of above but his son, my great grandfather, James Adam Rutherford stated in 1880 that both his parents were born in Virginia, and he also stated in his diary that his father died in Cocke County, Tenn. 68 years previous to that date, which would be 1814.

J.A.R. was born Jan.31, 1799, presumably in eastern Tennessee, probably Cocke County or whatever county that area was in at that date - there were only twochildren in the family, the other being his sister Maria, who was born in 1802 in Cocke County. Later she married T.J. Woods and moved to Alabama, where I have some records of their being.

The records in the Annals of Southwest Virginia have several Archibald Rutherfords mentioned and it is probable that ours is one of these, but the question is - which one? The unusual thing about Archibald R. is that there were only two children, both born within three years of each other and that he lived 12 years after the last child was born, and his wife (whose name I do not know) lived until about 1825 - also according to the diary of J.A.R. who stated his mother died about twn years after his father.

I would like very much to connect this Archibald with one of those mentioned in Virginia, but so far have been unable to prove anything. You will recall that J.A.R. also stated that his father and mother were both born in Virginia. In view of the date of his birth that would mean that they were probably there at least as early as 1775 in Virginia and that, therefore , their parents were the emigrants. This would bring us back into the period when the big volume of Scotch-Irish emigrants were pouring into the country through Philadelphia and it is possible that at least one other generation may have been in this country previous to Archibald's parents as they generally tarried a while in Pennsylvania or upper Virginia before moving to the southwest.

I stopped in Cocke County last year and talked to the clerk of the County Court and was told that the Court House had burned down around 1870 and all early records were lots. I also contacted some Rutherfords who are living there now but was unable to get any information from them.

I have census reports on Cocke County far back as there are any, and they do not help much. Also have a record from WPA Records of Tennessee referring to a Capt. Jacob Fine buying the Rutherford Farm in Sinking Creek, Cocke County. I do not think that the Rutherfords who are there now have been there quite that long, although some of the present members do claim that they recollect the name Archibald in their family as being the younger brother of the husband of a very old lady now living in Florida.

Since dictating the above, I have additional information from Rutherfords in Cocke County. His grandfather's name was Joseph and he had brothers Cal, Pleas and Myron and estimates Archibald must have been a cousin of his father's.

There is also a memo in J.A.R. diary about a cousin William being in Lamar County, Texas in 1880 and in the census of Lamar County of 1860 there is a William Rutherford mentioned on the same page with Clinton Rutherford, who was a son of J.A.R. The census of 1850 does not mention this William.

The names of the Rutherfords in Alabama living in the vicinity of Maria Rutherford Woods and her husband are names common to the family - William, Joseph, John and Archibald.

I am enclosing copy of correspondence between myself and another genealogist, Mrs. H.D. Brown, whose father wrote the Annals of Southwest Virginia. Also several notes I have assembled from time to time on others of name Rutherford. I would appreciate it if you would return these to me after you examine them. Perhaps all of this information will fit together and you may see some way in which we can make a complete story of it.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT IN WEST TEXAS

April 29 - 1914.

Born In Lamar County Seventy Five Years Ago

His Father Built the First House in Paris And Was the First County Judge.

J. C. Rutherford, an old resident of Lamar county, who was known among all of his old friends and acquaintances as "Uncle Cal" Rutherford, died Wednesday, at Tulia, Swisher county, where he had been making his home for the past three or four years for the benefit of his health. He wah a resident of Petty for many years and moved to Western Texas a short while after his wife's death, accompanied his daughter, Miss Viola Rutherford, who kept house for him and looked after his wants.

The deceased was seventy-five years old and was born in Lamar county on Emberson prairie. His father, Judge Rutherford, who came to Lamar county in 1835 from Tennessee, built the first house in Paris, which at that time was known as Pinhook, and he was the first justice of the peace and the first county judge of Lamar County. He was also county surveyor. The deceased when he was a young man caught the California gold fever and went out to the Pacific coast, where he remained during the Civil War, returning to Lamar county after the war was over. He followed the occupation of a farmer all his life, except during the time that he lived in California, and he accumulated considerable property.

Besides his only daughter, who was living with him at the time of his death, he is survived by three sons, M. B. Rutherford of Chicago, who was for a while engaged in the newspaper business in Paris; Lester Rutherford, who lives at the old homestead north of Petty, and Justin Rutherford of Dallas.

The remains arrived at Petty yesterday afternoon accompanied by all of the children and were taken to Forest Hill cemetery for burial. The funeral was conducted by Rev. T. W. Lovell of Detroit.

1914, April 29

DIED AT TULIA.

Aunt Tip Rutherford Passes Away of Heart Failure.

Mrs. Matilda Caroline Rutherford, wife of J. C. Rutherford, died at the home of her son, Justin, in Tulia, Texas, Monday at 2 p.m., the immediate cause of her death being heart failure. She had been in bad health for several months and the physician and family believe her lungs were affected. Only a week before she went to Tulia for her health and it is sad she died there instead. While it was known to the immediate family that her condition was serious it came as a great surprise to the town. The body was shipped to Petty and would have arrived Wednesday but for missing connection at Ft. Worth. Her husband, son and his wife were with her when she breathed the last.

The deceased was born in Jackson county, Missouri, Feb. 22, 1848., and came Fannin county, ne ar Dodd City, with her father in 1858. She was married to J. C. Rutherford Feb. 13, 1868, and with the exception of nine years in Honey Grove, has spent the rest of her life in and near Petty. Besides her husband she leaves three sons and one daughter. They are M. B., Lester, Justin, and Miss Viola. She also leaves two sisters.

Aunt Tip, as every one called her, was one of Petty's most loving and lovable old people, and we cannot yet see how we can do without her. Whenever the silent hand of charity moved in God's mysterious ways, everybody suspected Aunt Tip being the agent. Wherever her face was seen there was sunshine, for who in our town, young or old, did not hunger for, expect and receive a friendly, cheering word when they met her? She has lived a useful life and the world is better off by her having lived in it. God has called for her and she has but answered. Let us not mourn, but rejoice that He gave the world such a character and that we have had the benefit of her example.

March the 9 1888

Mr J. C. Rutherford
as my wife has
wrote I thought
would write some
she has [illegible] your
coms mining [illegible]
land [illegible] ere
you think is [illegible]
and we all [illegible]
be satisfide with
your decision send the
deed ~~and all sign it~~
and we will all sine
it and send it back
to us Direct to
T. F. Bradshaw
Summitville
Coffee Co
Tenn

Mr J C Rutherford I am
Cousin I take up my pen to write
we are all well but bad cold and
hope may find you all
Cousin what is every
ness is ~~no begun~~ ~~as~~ as know
bodys business that winter
that papa died you wro
that you would give five dol
ars per achor for the aise shif
land out there but you could
do nothing with them every
one wanted there way but know
every one can act for there self
and there is sister S R Street and
S M Kennedy and my self wants
to let you have our shears S M
Kenney is brother Billy son he
gets one fourth shear and there
is nine airs of us and you

count up what two shares will
fourth will come to and
you think is write give us
no what expence there is on it
and what you thank is write
give us and write the deed
and send it out here and we
will sined it and send it
back to you brother King and
george talks of comming out
ther this fall to see the contry
and folks and to see about
there part of the land do the
best you can S R Street is needin
here part she [illegible] alone with
five girls and is [illegible]
bad and S M Henn[illegible]
house burnt last fall and
needs his do wat you are
a going to soon let me here
from you soon and oblig.

S J Bradshaw to
J C Rutherford

Rockingham
Hamlet
N.C.

Pelton, Leo.
Jl. 22, '03.

Mrs Spindle

Your two letters of recent date were received too late to think & decide until & will try to relieve your mind as much as possible.

In the first place on what grounds do you think you have any right to any interest in the land?

What have you or your ancestors done to give you any claim on it? My father simply took up the land & used Mrs Kennedy's name in order to get it patented. Kennedy was not here, did

Not even suspicion when he died that he ever would have an land in Texas. He never heard one cent and did one cent get out in connection with it that in the least indicated that he considered he had any rights interests whatever in it. Hence his heirs since my father had all the labor & expense of selling it & has paid taxes on it (the & legitimate) for nearly seventy years the money paid out on it & the interest would be today much more value than the dirt is worth today. So if you had ever had any rights you must see that.

you have slept on it for nearly seventy years, & not recognized it as yourself & have not offered to pay the tax on it. I also get tired of paying taxes on it but I was sold for taxes & the state & you did not offer to redeem it then & keep it from selling off & had left it up. I believe nor have you even acted as though you thought you had any rights & I must conclude that you did not think you had any & in that thought you were just like I was for I did not & did not think you have any more or less right any for of

very time if ever at all.
If you ever did have any
the State took it
from you & gave it to me
when it sold it to me
for taxes.
So far as the Situation has
been had peaceable possession
for nearly seventy years without
your objecting (although you
knew it) or offering to pay
the taxes even that & the
sold for taxes. They have
been paid more than it is
worth — many times. Then
again I think the State of
Texas deed to it. What
else could I want to complete
my title right?

What have you done to give
you a title? Your ancestor
died out in Texas & never
knew it was ever in his
name. Had nothing to do
with getting it never paid a
cent for it & neither did
his heirs. Never had
possession of it & never
held right of possession
of it for the seventy
years. Never offered to
pay for it & let it
sell for taxes. Does
it not look simply ridi-
culous to even suppose that
you have any claim? Just
the honest truth you really

Answer yes. I paid you
hundred & I had a claim
here the circumstances
caused you held the land
as I told you I had done what
we agree, & I had done so
I have, nothing. I
answer your letter only so
a Cowboy most juvenile would
not even do that. I would
not give one dollar to have
a quit claim deed to the
right you seem to think you
have. I believe my neighbors
who have known me for sixty
years will tell you that if
you had any right I would
cheerfully give you for them
and have the money

being an honest man &
never was accused of
dishonest get in my
feet I was born in this
country the oldest native
born Texan on it
today & I am willing for you
& write to any one in it
about me. Hoping this may
clear your mind somewhat
I am

Yours very truly

J. C. Pritchard

P. C 3 L. 14 № 9215

FOR 1919 TAXES

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
Lamar County, Texas.

RECEIVED OF

Rutherford, Drexel Et al

The following amounts in payment of State and County Taxes for the year 1919 on personal property and following real estate:

Value $ 2500.

State	18	75
County	21	75
School No.		
84	12	50
TOTAL	53	00

Abst.No.	SURVEY, STREET OR ADDITION	Acres	Blk.
781	Ruddle, A.	100	

PAID JAN 20 1920 B. B. BRAS IS SHERIFF LAMAR COUNTY

1919

P. 328 L. 14 № 7449

FOR 1919 TAXES

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
Lamar County, Texas.

RECEIVED OF

Rutherford, J.C. Est.

The following amounts in payment of State and County Taxes for the year 1919 on personal property and following real estate:

Value $ 22180.

State	166	35
County	192	97
School No.		
P	8	90
47	34	50
107	27	00
TOTAL	429	72

Abst.No.	SURVEY, STREET OR ADDITION	Acres	Blk.
73	Boyd, B.M.	80	
499	Kennedy, W.	038	
781	Ruddle, A.	275	
926	Tilton, C.	1	
"	"	1/6	

PAID JAN 20 1920 B. B. BRAS IS SHERIFF LAMAR COUNTY

1919

P. 328 L. 28 № 7452

FOR 1919 TAXES

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
Lamar County, Texas.

RECEIVED OF

Rutherford, L.J.

The following amounts in payment of State and County Taxes for the year 1919 on personal property and following real estate:

Value $ 1540.

State	11	55
County	13	40
School No.		
47	1	70
TOTAL	26	65

Abst.No.	SURVEY, STREET OR ADDITION	Acres	Blk.

26 65
1 75
1 75
30 15

PAID JAN 20 1920 B. B. BRAS IS SHERIFF LAMAR COUNTY

1919

P. 328 L. 9 № 7448

FOR 1919 TAXES

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
Lamar County, Texas.

RECEIVED OF

Rutherford, Bros.

The following amounts in payment of State and County Taxes for the year 1919 on personal property and following real estate:

Value $ 20625.

State	154	54
County	179	26
School No.		
P	103	02
TOTAL	436	82

Abst.No.	SURVEY, STREET OR ADDITION	Acres	Blk.
777	Rutherford, J.C. Est.	356	

PAID JAN 20 1920 B. B. BRAS IS SHERIFF LAMAR COUNTY

1919

Postage under separate cover

Dallas Tex
July 22-53

Dear Drexel:—

I wish first to say we enjoyed you short visit with us very much.

Since July 12th we have been having very cool weather, down as low as 85°.

Sincerely hope you had a nice and enjoyable trip. The prices I received on those photos was fantastic, one W op. had the nerve to ask $35.00 each, another $5.00 I finally got them for $3.00. Total costs $8.35 leaving a balance of $1.65. You can get those spots removed from photos for $1.00 each. As ever my regards to the family.

J. C. P.

Dallas Tex
Dec. 24-50

Dear Drexel,

I have given you to the best of my ability, the information you want, hope it is O.K.

I don't know if you have heard, Margaret passed away Oct. 8-1948, little over two years ago, Cancer was the cause.

Oneta married Apr. 1948 to Leland E Darthit, she had known him since school days, they are living at McAllen Tex on the border, he is with the Government, a world war 1 vet. wounded in France.

(over)

Aaron was married
Oct 18-1950 to a Miss Francis
Sanderson from Syracuse N.Y.
she is nice looking, well
educated, the daughter of a
retired Minister.

Ewell has just finished
a $50.000.00 new home, and it
is all paid for.

Hoping you a Merry Xmas
+ Happy New Year I remain
As ever
Justin

Alan is in the Marines
stationed at Pendleton Field
Los Angeles

Uncle
Justin Calvin Rutherford
Juneta Lois " McGlohon Tex
Ewell Ronald " Wallace
Uncle Justin Aaron " Wallace
Lester Jackson "
Orfa Justin " Rayford
Buick X " X
Mervin Bronson " Waco
Calvin X " X
M.B. Rutherford school 1st Center Hill
2 Shiloh
3 Glasgow Ky.
4 Austin Tex
Uncle
Justin C. Rutherford 1 Honey Grove
2 Petty
3 Sherman
aunt
Viola G Rutherford 1 Center Hill
1914
2 Honey Grove
3 Sherman

(over)

Grandchildren By Ewell
Walter Alan Rutherford
Ronald

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Mrs. Tyner
7-3-43

Dear Nephew:- Your letter rec'd the 27th
was [illegible] and will
give you all the information I can.
Father was born Dec. 19, 1838 on Red River
northwest of Paris in Lamar Co., passed
away Apr. 29-1914, at Tulia Texas, Swisher
Co., Mother was born Feb. 22-1848, where
part of Kansas City stands now, passed away
June 8-1908 Tulia, Swisher Co. Texas.
Mother & Father, I am sure were married
in Fannin Co. Texas 2 mi. N.E. of Dodds City.
I am pretty sure it was in March 1868,
exact date I cant give, Viola might be
able to give date.
Uncle Mathew was not supposed to have
surveyed Rutherford Co. Tenn. but I have

Dallas Tex.,
4 — 2 — 55

Dear Orval;-

In regard to your request, I will try to tell you what I know, which is very little, as my Father was very reluctant to talk about his experiences, I think he considered it seven years of his life wasted.

J.C.R. who was 19 at the time, and his older brother about two years older, Clinton R. together with, I think 4 other men started on the trip with 200 head of cattle. In some sections the water holes were far + far between, the cattle got very thirsty + would break away + drink alkely water so they lost about ½ their herd on the trip. In one camp they made they had to cut down small trees + brush to put their bedding on, in order to keep out of the water. Somewhere on the route father was fording a small mountain stream, proved to be very swift, his horse floundered + he was washed off, he grabbed at the horses Tail + missed, as he was heavily clothed + had two Rimington colt + bull pistols, strapped on, also heavy boots, it was all he could do to keep his head above water, some campers

Tell my uncle — I wish he could come down to Texas, later was supposed to have surveyed a good part of Lamar Co. Tex.

In regard to the books of letters, I have gone through it thoroughly, there isn't anything that would help you in your search, but if you would like a photostatic copy anyway, let me know and I will be glad to mail it to you for that purpose, with your assurance of prompt return.

We will look forward to your expected trip South.

With best wishes for your success in your undertaking, I remain as ever,

Fraternally

father down the stream said him & fished him out, otherwise he would have drowned.

Somewhere along the line about 500 miles this side of Frisco, Indians stole his horse and he had to walk the rest of the way.

I don't know how soon, but after reaching their destination he and Clint separated, Clint going to Baise Idaho, some years later near Boise Clint + partner were working a promising claim, Indians got to sneaking in on the miners, killing them & taking what they had, so they had to abandon the claim.

Father + his partner were prospecting in the mountains, somewhere around Sacramento on one of their trips away from camp they got lost + nearly died of thirst, his partner collapsed and father had to make him as comfortable as possible + went on, eventually reaching camp, rested a little while, with water and food he started back for his partner, on reaching him he found him still alive but his tounge was swollen so he couldn't talk he mixed him back, + they made it back.

He told of having to boil their clothes

in their coffee pot to get rid of body lice.

I believe he mentioned a couple of sick spells he had, one was rheumatism, which put him out of business for a while.

About the time the war closed he began to think of coming home, he thought of going to Frisco taking a boat around the horn to New York, but there was an epedimic of Cholera at Frisco, so he decided against that, he thought of the stage to Kansas, but he wouldn't be much nearer home, and the fare was $500.00 so that was out, the only thing left was horseback, that was out, the only thing left was horseback,

He wrote his brother at Boise, took about 3 months to get a letter, they made arrangements to start at specified times, in order to make, connection at Salt Lake, as close as possible, the one reaching there first to wait for the other.

Father teamed up with another man coming east and they started out, they would travel all day, just before night they would stop + make camp build up fire + cook their supper, let the fire die down, and when dark they would saddle up, back track two or three miles, get in the brush + go to sleep, this was to

Cut any Indians that had followed them off the track. Father rode into Salt Lake one afternoon, went to the Travelers stable to wait for his brother, he went into the saddle room to hang his saddle and there sat his brother in a chair leaning against the wall asleep, he had arrived that morning, some alone connection for that kind of travel. They come on the rest of the way together, arriving home some time in 1866, left home in 1859

Well this is about all I can tell you about the adventures, hope it will be of some help.

Yours very truly

J. C. Rutherford

December 9, 1946

Mr. J. C. Rutherford
3547 Haynie
Dallas, Texas

Dear Uncle Just, Aunt Maggie and all the rest of the family:

Has Anita gone back to Washington, or is he still in Dallas. If she has gone back, is her address the same as I will probably want to drop her a line.

I am leaving here at 10:45 P.M. via American Airlines on the night of January 3rd and the plane will probably stop for gas sometime in the wee hours of the morning at Dallas but not sufficiently long enough to make it worth while for you to stay up that late to see me. If I can, on my way back I will try to stop off but it is difficult these days as once you get a plane reservation you better stick to it or you may find yourself high and dry.

I have had several genealogist working on both the Rutherford and Brown families and I find that your mother was a daughter of James Madison Brown and wife Eliza Collins, who was a daughter of Michael Collins whose wife was Rebecca Noland, who was a daughter of Ledstone Noland a Revolutionary War soldier who died in Jackson County, Mo. from which the Browns immigrated to Texas. Ledstone Noland came from a family which settled in Maryland around 1650 and the family was very prominent in the affairs of the Colony His mother was Henrietta Smallwood, a member of the Smallwood family of Maryland, a prominent member of which was General William Smallwood, who commanded Maryland troops under Washington and who was later Governor of Maryland, and whose family came into Maryland around 1637 from England, where they came from a family which was entitled to have a Coat of Arms, which I have had traced. I can give you all of this information in more detailed form if you are interested.

Joseph Brown, father of James Madison Brown, married a Mary Leland Webster who was reputed to be a sister of Daniel Webster. This was not the Daniel Webster as that Daniel came from New Hampshire, but there was a Daniel Webster living at that time in Virginia where our Webster family came from. I have

not been able to prove to my satisfaction very much other than this regarding the Webster family. This applies also to the Brown family who likewise came from Virginia, and the Collins family who came from Virginia. The records are very meager and it takes a long time to search them out. I used to be able to get this done for around a dollar an hour but now they have jumped the price on me to $1.50 and it doesn't take long for them to run up a considerable bill as they really have to do a lot of looking.

Don't know of anything else at this time. We are all well up this way and some of these days, probably next summer, hope to be able to make a trip down there.

Compliments of the season to you all. I remain

Yours sincerely,

MOR'N

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Rutherford family

CALVIN'S
Fish Lake Valley
Esmeralda Co.
Nevada

March 19/66

Dear Father & Mother & Amanda & the children & Hughy:

Good morning to you all. I still hope you all live: - I love to cherish the hope that I shall see you all again, before many months shall have passed. The shorter the time between this your cherished and long hoped for meeting, the more intense will be our joy; So I feel. Father, yesterday I recv'd a letter from you, of Jan. 24. It being the third letter from you of our late corespondence. Your 2nd letter I sent to Clint. the same time that I sent my letter to you of the 11 March (inst.) I also told him some things that you wrote in your first. I may send him the One I sent yesterday. Still it is possible that you may get a letter to him sooner than I shall this one from here - I told you in my last where he was, & where for you to write. To Bay's Co., Idaho, Ky. - Clint has Mines about 100 miles East of Boyce Co. and probably is working them now. In his last letter three or four weeks ago, he told me he was going to his Mines as soon as the weather would permit. He was then on Boyce River, 15 miles above Boyce Cty. Mining. But the weather was too cold to make anything. It will be very bad about getting letters from where he will stop probably worse than this.

Well, Father, I received a letter from Vandalia Martin, Tenn. yesterday. They are all living yet. All the family. She said John Martin was in Texas. She told me that Orville Smith was dead. Father, I wouldn't have commenced this letter today, but it being so windy and disagreeable that I can't work. So I Concluded I would write some while I had a little spare time: but it became so windy that I had to stop writing; for the sand drifted in this the roof and cracks of the Cabin so teribly, that it would have loked much more like business to have been writing with a Chinaese Soup Stick, than with pen & ink. If a person could have been removed from Texas, or some other more geneial clime, and set down here today unconscious of the removal, I think he would have decided at once, that he was on one of the Sand storms of the Planes of Africa. I am actually astonished to find no more men, covered and buried under the Sand than I do. Yes, and some people think this a pretty good Country. I think a man that will call this a good country, is just about as crazy as a man who is on the perpetual motion question. And I think a man that will live here a long time will go crazy and is crazy when ever he makes up his mind to stop here and call it his home. A man should look after comfort in this World.

Father in your letter before the last one you asked me a great many questions. Commencing at March 1/61 and passing up almost ot the present time In my last letter I didn't answer much of these questions because I hadn't time to do so. I think I will endeavor to anser some of them in this letter so far as my paper goes. I can't answer them however in form as you put them for the letter containing them is gone. I will commence at 61 and relate some of the incidents of our lives. First I left Plainsville about the 1st of April, came to Aurora direct, leaving Clint there to look after the debts that were out for beef, of 7 or 800 dollars, which he failed to get - even more than failed, didn't even make wages for his time trying. So that Fall of/61 he came to Aurora also. While we were in Plainsville, however, having those debts out, knowing them to be doubtful ones too, and being determined to stay and use every means to try to get them. We thot it advisable to try to make something while we staid. In the mean time the great first escitement about the Esmeralda mines was raging furiously. Such Excitements being calculated to, and do cathch the oldest and most experienced Californians, up till the present time.

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March 19/66

CALVIN'S

So we commenced taking chances on our money, buying mining ground in Esmaralda district. And before we knew it, we had sold all our money for interest in Mines. We felt much richer, however, than we did before. We remained in Aurora during the Winter until the Spring of /62. Up to this time Aurora had been very dull. There being nothing doing and nothing to be made. We concluded for Clint to go back to California and I would stay at Aurora, and look out for the mining interests. Clint did go to Grizzly Flat, Cal. There he bought a claim. Worked on that, fitting it up, making tail runs, flooms, & Hydraulics until Spring /63. Ran it a few weeks, got caved on, and two of his ribs broken. He was hurt quite seriously. The water failed right immediately and he solf for less than half what he gave and came over to Aurora, arriving there in June. Consequently he did not make much that year. During that time I remained in Aurora. The fall of /62, after Clint left Aurora began looking up. The mines were being opened, Mills building, & along from Jan. to April/63 We had one of the liveliest and the most business striving towns ever was built. Up to this time I had accumulated a great deal of Mining interests out side of what we had bought. Quartz mining was then carried on entirely by joint Stock Cos., Incorporation stocks issued Vi Vi (?) During that time of four months I could have sold out in Aurora for 4 or 5 times what we put there, but unfortunately we let the time pass. Only selling enough along to meet my wants and pay up the assessments on the mines. Many a big slug have I paid out on assessments - I had plenty of mining interests that I could sell in half an hour, But I didn't think I had any reasons for selling off my mining interests then, for I thot as everyone that they had just begun to be valuable and that it would be folly to sell off. Before Clint arrived in Aurora in June/63. I had then had one sever spell of sickness; and was just able to be up when he came and which was just a starter to my sickness in Aurora.

From then up to the Spring of /64 I was only able to work a few weeks at a time, my health remaining very uncertain, all of which time I made but little, but was spending what I had accumulated. Stocks commenced going down immediately after the great stir and excitement of /63. However, expecting stock to come up soon again. The Motto was then of course, to hold on until they should rise again. And still people had hopes. Their hopes tho, were finally lost - entirely lost. So stocks never rose again, but kept going lower & lower. When /64 came we saw that all we had accumulated in Aurora was worthless, a great amount of property being abandoned and people leaving. Gold & Silver, Quartz mining was then quite new in this country. Virginia City, in Carson Valley being the first mines discovered of the kind. They proved quite successfull and are yet. Aurora being the next place , and looking equally as flattering, her prospects were very exciting indeed. But the mines in Aurora did almost entirely give out. [illegible],

Carson City April 12th/66

Dear Father & Mother,

You see it has been some time since the Windy day that I wrote the greater portion of this letter. The cause of me not finishing this letter sooner, is that I have been Boosking or in other words Hustling, and have been you might say successful, for at any rate I have got this far on my way home. about 200 miles. I will leave here in the morning and go up to Virginia City about 20 miles. There I will mount the Stage Overland for St. Joseph, Mo. - I shall get on the Overland Stage tomorrow, at Virginia City, unless it is crowded, and I think it will not. It will be a rough trip on me, for my Rheumatism is not near well. Still I think I can stand it tolerably. I concluded to start much quicker than I expected when I was writing the first part of this letter. I met with a chance to give away my interests, just at the time that you were praying for us to come home.

So I just dropped everything and made up my mind to get off as soon as I could - So this might well be the last good nights sleep that I will be apt to get for some time. I haven't received anything from you or Clint for about a month. Clint I expect is making some money up at his Claim near Boyce City - I am not prepared to either go to him or wait for him because it would cost too much, and might do no good. So I thought it advisable not to fool away my time for it is too expensive. I have advised Clint to come as soon as he could get ready. I can't tell waht his prospects are until I hear from him again, but I have reason to think they are good. If I have no bad luck, I think I shall get there (home) with - - - - -
Good Night

J. C. Rutherford

CALVIN'S

Austin, Lander Co.
Nevada

April 18/66

Dear Father & Mother & relatives,

I am still living and moving around. I wrote you a letter on the 12th inst, telling you that I was coming or going home by Overland Stage. But when I went to Virginia Cty. to get my ticket, I found that it would cost me not less than $400. to get to St. Joseph, Mo. So I immediately changed my mind, and concluded not to go that way not at present at any rate. - I bought me a good horse and riging, and came to this place, 160 miles on the road to Salt Lake. I thot I would go on to St. Joe on Horseback, but today I concluded to stop here a while and try and hear from Clint. And also wait and see if we cannot come together. And another thing caused me to stop, John Teathirston is down about 50 miles from here, and wants to go home too. So I will go down there tomorrow and see him. I want to arrange it so we three can all start home together.

I am sorrow now that I wrote to you that I was coming in the Stage, for it will cause you to be disappointed, especially if you shouldn't get this letter. When I left Aurora, I instructed the P.M. to forward all my letters to Honey Grove, Texas. I am sorry that I did that for I will not be able to hear from you in some time. I may not remain here long enough for you to get me a letter. But you must write to this place as tho you knew I would be here. I think myself that I will.

You had better write to Salt Lake too, for I may be there some time. I haven't heard from Clint since Jan. I write to him today, to Boyce City. So I think I shall hear from him soon. There is a great rush from this country to Montana this season. I expect it is a good mining country. The great fault is its too cold. I don't know that I want to go there, anymore than its being on my way to Texas; for there is where I want to go. I have enough of the mining countries I think.

If I can keep up expenses while I stay here it will be all that I expect. Still I may make more. I must try and keep up expenses and not lose what I have because I want to go home too bad. I have enough to take me home very well horseback. I came very near going by Steamer.

Farewell.

J. C. Rutherford

CLINTON'S to CALVIN

Boise City, Idaho Tery.

Apl 1/66

Well, Calvin, My dear brother, I wish we were together. I hope we will soon get together. I came down last night for Grub and got your letter of March 2nd, including Fathers letter. Great God, the sad news! How can I bear it? Life has no charms for me, how can we return home and find Milton, Franklin, and Jackson gone. Is it possible that you are the only brother I have living? I am a lonely wretch. Yes, I am lonely! I sympathize with our dear Father & Mother & Amanda. How can I bear the news, I am too weak; but let me weep. How can I bear it? I wish I was with you. Well, at farthest we must soon sleep with them! How soon I care not. This world to me is a blank! How vain we have been. Is it a dream? No. They are gone!

I have but a minute to write, I am in the P.O. My horse stands packed. I will have more time to write when I get to my Cabbin. Duty demands that we get together and go home to Texas. The proper place for us to meet at is Salt Lake. I guess we can go home this Fall. I guess I don't want money. It has no charms for me. Coming to California may have been the best thing we could have done. We may have escaped death by so doing. I am in fine health. This country is too cold for me. You can't imagine how much I have suffered with cold. I guess I will remain in this section some months. The gold mines I found, of which I spoke in my last letters, are in the Indian Country. To work them I shall be in great danger. My partners have weakened. They are afraid of the Indians. The Indians are at war now. Fifteen were killed in a half mile of my Cabbin about the 4th of March. I must close. Write to me often. I will write soon.

C.P. Rutherford

CALVIN'S to J.A.R. Apl 26/66

Austin, Lander Co.

Dear Father & Mother and Relatives,

I am yet living & in pretty good health. My Rhuematism still continues to improve. Father, I reckon you will think I am quite changeable when you get my letters from this place, find me stop and on the road. However, I wrote you a letter a few days ago, telling you that I was at this place for a while. I told you the reasons I stopt which were like these. - Clint being at Boyse City, Idaho, and not knowing but that he would like to go home with me. And in as much as I concluded to go home by horseback, I thot it advisable to wait and see what he would like to do. I would like for him to go with me. Boise City is about 400 miles North of this place, and this place is about the same distance west of Salt Lake. And again I thot by waiting that John Featherstone would go with me. I don't know whether John will go or not. The chances are that he will. I have here, I reckon about 10 days, - I wrote to you in Carson City that I was going home by Stage, but I changed my Base.

So in order that you might not be uneasy about my nonarrival, I have written oftener than I would have otherwise have done. Almost every thing I shall write this time will be a repetition of my other letter, which will render this one less interesting than it might be otherwise. I expect I shall remain here until I can hear from Clint, which will be 4 or 6 weeks, I reckon. Then I will very soon decide on something and leave here. I can't say whether Clint will be ready to go home with me or not, for things are so uncertain in this country. Still from his last letter I have strong hopes that he will. I am making expenses here, very well. That's all I expect. I am doing it by working for $4.00 per day in a mine. But I don't think I shall work in the mines but very little here because it is very disagreeable besides dangerous. Still I have done a great deal of such work in this Country. I hate the idea of going home so near broke. Still I know that it is not my fault that I am not well off. Still I am in a better condition than thousands of other sensible, good and industrious men in this Country and some of my acquaintance. Men make money by Strikes or chance in this Country. One in ten thousand probably makes a raise. Perfect lottery! I have a good horse & saddle, and $400. in cash. That's my extent of funds. I can scarcely help feeling ashamed of my poor condition, after seven years away from home, in a country of Gold & Silver. Farewell

J. C. Rutherford

CALVINS'S to J.A.R.

Austin Lander Co.,
Nevada May 12/66

J.A.Rutherford

Dear Father & Mother & Relatives.

I still remember you. I thot I would try and engage you for a few minutes with something, still I don't know what to say that will best interest you. For I have written so often latterly and have told over and over how I am situated her, that I feel that it is hardly necessary to reiterate the same again. However, it may be well enough to say something about my prospects of coming home as that doubtless will interest you more than anything else. I don't know when I shall leave here. I don't want to leave here till I hear from Clint. I am expecting a letter from him any day now.

If I don't get a letter from him within three or four weeks, I shall attribute it to his having left Boyce City before my letter from this place reached him. In such case, I will in all probability strike out in the direction of home, in some shape or other.

Its very uncertain about John Featherstone getting ready to go with me. Still he thinks he will. I would be very glad if John could go with me. He appears to want to go with me very badly. Father, I hardly know what to say about you directing leters, I have not told you to direct any to this place, for I didn't know how long I would be here. Still if I should stay here three or four weeks longer, I should expect to get some letters from you. But I may not be here long enough to get any from you. I don't think I shall be here ong enough to get an answer to this letter, at this place. Still I might. It might be well enough for you to write to me at "Salt Lake" for the chances are that I shall be there: by the time you could get an answer to this letter, there. When I start I shall go to Salt Lake in 12 or 15 days. I want to hear from you very badly. The last letter from you was dated Jany. I would expect to get a letter again at Denver City and Situated as I am, I am very restless. Father, there are a great many things concerning affairs there at home. that I would like to know about and could ask you a great many questions, if I had any show of getting an answer to any of my letters. I have never received any answer to any of my letters, only the two short ones I first wrote. Three in No. from you I mean. I wrote to Vandelia Martin, and will write to here again, probably before I leave here. They have been very fortunate during the War not to have lost any of the family at all. From the tone of theie letter infor they were "Union". A person having been raised in the South, and to be here in this country during the War, is very apt to be, or go for the South, instead of the Government, unless he is very well posted in Governmental affairs. In such case he is controlled by sympathy alone. Altho I know the South was to blame for

Seceeding from the United States as she did, yet I could scarcely keep my sympathies from going with her. One thing that helped to make it so is the fact in nature that in case of a conflict between two parties (no odds whether they are great powers or mere individuals) ones sympathy is almost sure to be in favor of the weaker party, other things being equal. It is very true the South had reasons for disliking the abolitionists of the North. But the truth is, they wanted to set up for themselves and split the "Union." for all the guaranties of their rights, that they asked or could wish for, would have been granted, if they had not resigned their seats in Congress, They were afraid the Union would be saved.

CALVIN'S to J.A.R.

Austin, Lander Co.
Nevada May 6/66

J. A. Rutherford

Dear Father, Mother & relatives.

I am yet living and in good health. I am here at this place. I had no view, at all of stopping here, when I left Esmeralda Co. as I have told you in two letter, written you since I arrived here. I have travelled about 400 miles since I started home: Yet I am only about 200 miles nearer than I was when I started - Owing to my view of coming by Stage, and coming part of the way that conveyance as I did, I came much out of my way. I am stopping here for the purpose of trying to hear from Clint, to know what he intends doing, thinking he will probably conclude to meet me at Salt Lake, which I have advised him to do. I arrived here on the 17th Apl. I wrote to him on the 18th. I ought to get an answer in a month from the date of my letter anyhow. I had not told him that I would be here, so he will not think of writing here, until he gets my letter from this place. I wrote to from Carson City, the same that I wrote you, "That I was going strait home by Stage." So he will not be expecting a letter from here. I can't say how Clint is situated for I haven't heard from him since Jan. (on account of my leaving Esmeralda) Then he had a very good prospect of making money mining. Still there is no certainty of his making a cent for things here are so uncertain. It's now you see it and now you don't. - This is a miserable climate here in Nevada. This is the third day that its been snowing and still snowing teogether with a little rain and tonight will be the third night. Yesterday's paper said that the snow was then fifteen inches deep, but it being a little warmer today, and a little rain interspersed with the snow, has cuased it to settle somewhat. There have been icecicles hanging from the houses two and three feet long. Now what do you think of this for a fine and pleasant country? I aim to try to keep up expenses while I stop here. If I do that much, it will be all that I probably can do. If I can keep what I already have I can come home very well - I have kept up expenses so far and think I can do it as long as I stay here.

It is awful to see how people have to work and rustle here in this country to make a living. I mean persons of no captial, working men. That constitutes the greatest portion of the population.

May 7th
Dear Father & Mother, another night has passed the weather very bad still rained and snowed all night and is still at it. There is now knowing when it will let up. Before I got to Virginia City I came very near taking the other end of the road and going to San Francisco, there take a Steamer.

CALVIN'S to J.A.R.

Austin, Lander Co.
Nevada

May 6/66

If I had known the Stage fair was what I found it to be, I would very surely have gone that way. If I had, I would probably by this time have been very uneasy about my welfare, More especially on account of the cholera. Which is now raging in New York, and no doubt will be in many other places very soon. I don't know, but I am glad that I didn't go that way. I may write some more in this letter. (J. C. Rutherford)

May 7th/66

Dear Father & Mother & Relatives,

So you see I have concluded to say something more. Yet I can't say myself what it will be about, I know these are many subjects, Father, that could be very interesting for you to listen to, owing to your peculiar literary genius, but for me to undertake to interest you on any subject, I feel would be impossible. You have no idea how I have been obliged to neglect everything like library pursuits since I left home. The nature or position of business has been such that I could not do otherwise than neglect them. Never stopping in one place but a little while at a time as a general rule. A person is liable at anytime to get up and start right off to some new camp or excitement, leaving every thing behand that you might have accumulated in the way of books or furniture. Then again, unless a man is in a flurishing or independent finacial condition he has no time to study. He has to employ his whole mental power (or at any rate he does do it) in planning some way to get along. The country is such a hard one to live in that it naturally causes a man's mind to revert too often to the past scenes of his life, when he was surrounded with every thing, calculated to make one happy and causes him to fret and trouble, and then to resolve that he will not imploy his physical or mental powers at anything, but what will bring the Mighty Dollar. that will carry him to the land of his former happiness, promising himself that he will then settle down and pursue his literary pursuits. Such is the nature of the thots of the rambler in these funeral regions. I arrive at these conclusions from considerable personal experience; If a person has ever had a good home in any of the States (especially Texas) and becomes in low circumstances in this country, the rememberance of that home is sure to come up before his mind and cloud his mental vision against almost every thing, except something that will in some way tend to transfer him to the place and pleasures of his former enjoyment.

Father, I remember in one of your letters, you said there is only one circumstance that I can see or think of favorable to your coming home and that is, "If you have got just money enough to fetch you and no more" How that would apply , I believe, as a rule, but it would not apply to me. I would be an exception to that rule, for certain. If the circumstances and conditions of things at home were as they might have been I can't say that that rule might not have applied to me, yet I think not even then. But as things are, it could not apply. There is but one condition now that would keep me from going home (outside of death alone) that is the lack of means.

May 7th/66

If I were situated, as many men are, with no relatives and no nothing to compell me to go back, I would probably stay in some mining country until I did make a strike. But as things are, with me, it would be folly to pursue such a course. I have fears, however, that I can't feel reconciled to live back there, especially in my old neighborhood. I shall feel so badly lost, I shall feel ten times as bad as though I had been there the last 6 years. - Well Father, so far as the country is concerned, (I mean the federal Union) I think as you do, that it will be all right, and things settled after a while, and be a much better Governed country than it was before the War. I consider there is not any danger of War again in the U.S. - unless something of the kind should result from the radicals of the No. attempting to force upon the people something like Negro suffrage. The people might stand it, but I think not. Johnson is acting as favorably towards the Southern people as he can possibly act. He vetoed the Civil Rights Bill, but they passed it over his head. The reconstruction policy presented by the Committee will probably pass. Its a little too radical for Johnson, yet he may submit to it, All persons voluntarily aiding in the Rebelion are prohibited from voting until /70 for Electors for President and for Congressmen. I don't know that it is more than just. farewell.

J. C. Rutherford

CLINTON'S to J.A.R.

Idaho City
Idaho Ty. April 25/66

Dear Father & Mother & Relatives.

I again begin a letter to you after a long silence of years. With a partial knowledge of your, or more properly, our bereavements. For it was but a few days ago that I got your letter of Nov. 29th directed to Calvin, containing the sad news of the death of Brothers, Milton, Jackson, and likely Franklin -- Other relatives and friends. This is the only letter I have received from you. One of the most pleasant times of meditation with me has been when I would be able to return home and see and enjoy the company of my brothers.

H ow can I return and find them gone? Well, we must pull up with the World and its heavy hand, and live as long as we can bear losses and bereavements with fortitude, as a duty to our selves. - I am in good health. My health has been generally good the last three years. I have been more healthy up North while in Nevada. I think Calvin has not enjoyed the best of health down in Nevada since I left him. I am yet troubled with a sick head-ache, but not so frequent as while in Texas. Calvin is in Nevada yet, and I guess he will remain there until he gets ready to go home to Texas. He will, I expect, write to you regularly while he remains there. I will try to write to you pretty regularly. I guess Calvin has answered most of the questions you asked in your letter of Nov. 27th/65. Some I will answer. I spent considerable of the time in California, in the years 1861 & 62 &63. During this time Calvin was in Nevada. In 64 May/10th, I left Aurora City for this Northern Country rather on a big prospecting trip. I spent all of /64 prospecting until Winter. I wintered on Salmond River, in North Idaho. In the year /65, hunted Gold all season. When in the Fall, I found tolerable good Gold Diggings, which mines are out in the Snake Indian Country. It will be somewhat dangerous to work them. When I found those mines, I immediately concluded to return to them this Spring and work them some two years; and then go home, for I am sure I can make considerable money in those mines in two years work. It looks rather hardy to spend two years toil & labor hunting mines, and after finding them, then to leave them for some on else to find and make money out of. And will this be done? It will have to be done. So I abandoned the idea of working those mines, on the reception of your letter: and have concluded to go home (to Texas). I think I shall leave Idaho City, about the first of August next, likely sooner. Calvin is determined to go home this year. Our arrangements are being fixed as rappidly as possible with regard to when and where we shall meet. I think we will meet at Salt Lake City. We shall cross the plains on Horseback I think. I do not know when Calvin wants to start. He did not say when in his last letter. There is one thing I am sure of, and that is this, We will be at home between this and next December, if we live and keep our health.

I stood aloof, during the War, from Politics to a great extent. We were not in the Army at anytime. We lost money in Nevada. The Esmeralda

CLINTON'S to J.A.R.

Idaho City
Idaho Ty. April 25/66

Mines proved to be next to worthless. They are what we call a big Humbug - bursted thousands and made but few. There are many secessionists in Idaho and in all the Pacific States and Territories. The summers in Idaho are short & pleasant. The Winters are long and very cold. I have suffered too much the last two winters with cold weather. Idaho is healthy. I am mining not far from Idaho City. Will remain I think till I get ready to start home. Idaho is my post office. Father, you are anxious to know why I and Calvin are so widely separated. One in Idaho, the other in Nevada. Stating in your letter that we promised to remain together. You fear that we separated on account of a dificulty or ill feeling. Nothing of the kind. - We parted in Nevada with the best of feelings, as we had lived for years with this same feelings, as far as I know. It was a mutual agreement that I should come North and prospect, and Calvin remain in Nevada and attend to our interests there. For by this time we plainly saw that the Esmeralda Quartz mines were a grand failure., in which we were largely interested. (The Esmeralda Mines are exclusively Quartz & Sliver and Gold) The Weather is quite cloudy, and it is snowing rapidly while I am writing - Up on the mountains five miles from Town the snow is yet some 4 to 6 feet deep. This country is too cold for me. I am sure that I and Calvin will come home together, tho we may have considerable dificulty in getting together. Every exertion will be made on my part to get with Calvin, and come home together, without he concludes to go by the way of the Southern route thru Arasonia. That will be too long a travel for me. I have written to him that I think we had better meet at Salt Lake City. I feel as if I had been from home a long time & I guess we have. Yet I had given my self two more years on this Coast, until I received your letter of Nov. 27/66 with its sad contents. I am comming home now if I live. Amanda and Hugh, you like myself begin to show age. I am anxious to see you and your dear children. I guess Ann Eliza. & Texatana have not entirely forgotten me & Calvin. I fear there will be some dificulty in crossing the Plains this year. The Indians are more or less hostile. I will have to close this letter.

C. P. Rutherford.

CLINTON'S to CALVINS

At my Cabin, Idaho Ty. April 3/66

Calvin, Dear Brother,

I, this morning begin another letter to you. I mailed a short letter to you on the 1st inst. at Boice Cty. at which time I received your letter of March 2, including Father's letter. Calvin, I see how you can bear the sad news of the death of Milton, Jackson, and likely Franklin. It is a sore trial! How can I bear it? Great God, I am miserable. What shall I do? How can I return home and find them gone? What is life & property to me? I did hope to be able to write this letter with a degree of composure - But how can I? Is it weakness? - It is a great bereavement to Father & Mother & Amanda/--It must be! Calvin I am in good health. You spoke in your letter as if you had been in poor health for a considerable length of time: but at present was in tolerably good health - I am yet mining on Boise River above Boise City and may remain here some time, a month or so and possibly longer. At any I think I shall stop in this section some three months. It is best to do so I think. When I came to these mines last fall, I expected to make some money, but have not done so. Tho I would have made money (a little) if the Winter had not been so cold. We have had an awful cold winter here. I can't bear the winters this far North. I can't risk another one considering all things. I am sure it is our duty to get together and go home this summer or Fall. Yet I regret to leave those mines I found last fall. For in those mines I think I could make money the next two years. Tho, I would be in great danger of being killed by the Indians for those mines are in the Indian Country. I do not feel disposed to run perilous risks like I have been doing ever since I left Aurora City. I shudder when I look and see what I have passed thro the last two years. A Band of Indians was killed about the 4th of March in a half mile of my cabbin. We carry our arms with us on to the claim every day. Yet I think the danger is about over.

I have but little or no fears now. My partners are unwilling to go to those mines above spoken of. Considering all things I must give up the idea of staying in this country, to work those mines. - Yet I regret to do so.

When I leave the River I guess I shall go up to Boise Basin and work there a spell. I guess I had better remain in the section till I get ready to go home. I wrote to you I think that one of my horses died last winter. I have one left, worth at present about $90 - I am out of debt, I have six weeks Grub on hand, I haven't exceeding $40 forty dollars. I think we should start home by the first of August. We had beeter go across the plains by way of Salt Lake. With regards to those things you should immediately write and give me your ideas. I will lose no time in trying to make money to take me home. It is a bitter pill to think of going home broke. It will have to be born! Our coming to California in 1859 may have been the best thing we could have done. Would to God that Milton, Franklin, & Jackson had come with us. If so, They likely would all be living.
April 5th/66 - The weather is fine. I think I shall leave the River in ten or 15 days and go to Boise City and remain there this Spring. We must go home this Year (if we can). What do you think about our meeting at Salt Lake City? Write to me often. I must close for I have an opportunity to send this letter to Boise City this morning. C.P. Rutherford

CALVIN'S

Austin, Lander Co.
Nevada June 4/66

Dear Father, Mother & Relatives.

I hope you all live yet. I am still living. I know you are all glad of it. I am in only tolerably good health, troubled yet with Rheumatism. I know you are sorry of that. I am not yet a rich man. However, I guess that doesn't trouble you much. And shouldn't trouble me. But I must acknowledge that I would feel a little better contented if I were not quite so poor. But a knowledge of the fact that I never failed to do for the best when I knew it; gives me some consolation. I am not a happy man, but when I look around to find a happy man, I am forced to conclude that I am about as happy as the general run of mankind. There is no lasting happiness in this world. There are certain sources of pleasures in this life. There are also certain sources of displeasure that no one can shun, no odds what position in life he may occupy. Admitting that the discomfitures may be a little more accute in some cases than in others, - Honor and fame & money are the great sources of happiness so considered. But is it so? Is the man who is worth millions (or in the more recent appellations, the millionaire) and happier than he who is worth only his hundreds. I think not but more miserable. All the enjoyment derived from the case of either, is in the accumulation of the money, not the actual use, or possession of it. So the principle resolves itself down to this point. The successful accomplishment of a person's undertakings, what ever that may be. This principle may be applied in every business, or undertaking that a person's inclination may lead him to take hold of. Now say a man sets out in life to make money that being his sole object. He starts with a very little capital, his ambition or desires at first are likewise small. He don't hope or expect to accomplish much on his small capital. But, if he is in a favorably degree successful to his expectations, he is as happy in that accomplishment as the man who makes a proportianate profit, on the capital of millions. So as a man's capital enlarges his profits must be in proportion, to meet his increased desires or expectations, to thereby produce the same degree of happiness as the case of the man of the small capital. This principle is true and will apply to every pursuit in life. And success is made the key to all mental human happiness in life's pursuits. Such are my views on the pursuits of life.

Right here I will say that I have been made unhappy to a certain degree, so far in life, by being unsuccessful in my pursuits. If I never had tried to have made money I would not have been made unhappy by being anything but a rich man. However, I am going to try to be successful yet when I go to Texas. I see & know how I can make money plenty fast in Texas. What I mean by plenty fast, is fast enough ---- ----- to reconcile me to stop then and quit running about for rich countries. Farming is my business. It is the most independent and agreeable business that I know of and equally profitable to any other with few exceptions. Such exceptions are in this country called Strikes or Scratches, meaning a sudden success in business. Father, I have been thinking a great deal about what my future apperations would be like, provided I could content myself to live back there on the old farm. They have been on this stile, however, Iill speak of this point in my other sheet tomorrow.

J. C. Rutherford

CALVIN'S

Austin, Lander Co.
Nevada

Tuesday evening June 5/66

When I set out on my first sheet last evening I expected only to write the one, and tell you something about my prospects of coming home, but my mind led off in rather a singular direction, and soon I found that I hadn't paper enough left to tell you what I ought to. So I concluded that I would take another sheet for the probably more interesting portion of my letter. Father, I received two letters from you last evening. They were forwarded from Aurora. They were of these dates respectively March 11 & April 4, they were good long letters. I was made very happy by the receipt of those letters for I hadn't heard from you since before I left the ranch sometime in March. These two make five letters I have received from you since the War. You said you had written. Yours of March 11 has been delayed some place and for certain reasons, but I am not smart enough to determine exactly when.

I think it went to Washington. It seems the letter had not been post paid. Your letter & envelope came to me enclosed in a government envelope and on your envelope was marked "Held for postage." It had never been postmarked at all. I always thot that letters placed in the Post Office unpaid were never sent on. Father, you know more about these things than I do and you can account for it, and I will go on and tell you something about matters in general. Father, as well as I remember I have written you nine or ten letters since I first heard of you last January. When I arrived at Carson City on my way home, I there wrote you that I was on my way home by Stage. Now of course when you get that letter you will be on your tiptoes looking for me and you'll keep looking for me until you get my next letter written about 5 or 6 days later from this place. I hated very much to have to disappoint you and your expectations; But such is in Keeping with the ways of this country and of course I didn't feel any way disappointed myself. I am used to it. But I hated it on your account. The man who told you that a person could come to St. Joseph Mo. for $150 is badly mistaken, for the Stage from Virginia City to Salt Lake is $100 and $300 in greenback from there to Aliheson Mo., making at the lowest evaluation $325 in Cash, greenbacks being worth from 75 to 80 cents on the dollar here. This is not counting the grub on the road which would be $50 or 75. So I counted $400 from Virginia City to Aliheson and no less. So you see it will cost two men not less than $850 or $900 to get from Virginia City to Texas by overland Stage, even if they shouldn't go by Stage any farther than Alihesonville. It cost me about $50 to get from Fish Lake Valley to Virginia. I went by Stage. I find that Staging in this country is very expensive. When I found in Virginia what the fare was I made up my mind at once, that I would change my base. I bought me a good horseand rigging and set out on the road to Salt Lake with a view of stopping here at this place and seeing John Featherstone, thinking maybe he might go on home with me. Making up my mind that I would try and wait here and see if I could hear from Clint and make arrangements for him to meet me at Salt Lake and we would go home horseback. So I have waited here from the 17th Apl. to the present time.

CALVIN'S

Austin, Lander Co.
Nevada

Tuesday evening June 5/66

Just keeping up expenses while I stop. I am pretty sure that John Featherston will go with me to Texas. I have been with John a great deal ever since the Spring of 64. John is a first rate Boy. Father I think I will have my Purty taken in a few days and send it to you by letter.

Well Father & Mother & Amanda & Hughy & the Children, after supper & I am still scratching off some my, what ever your a mind to call it - There are several things that I have forgotten or failed to have room for and so I have to use another half sheet of paper. Father, when I was on my way from Virginia City to this place, at the Fall Bridge on Carson River, at a little one horse Road Saloon (Whiskey Shop.) there I saw Bill Wright for the first time since 63 - I supposed he was gone to some other Country. However, from what I saw, I judged he is at a pretty lively rate to the place they call ruin! I may be mistaken but that is my opinion. He was Drunk and I think he drinks a great deal. In the Spring of 64 I saw Henry Mathis. My opinion of him was that he was a worthless no account to himself. Father, I received a letter from Clint about a week ago. He is at Idaho City, Idaho Tery. It was an old letter forwarded from Aurora. He had received one of your letters that I forwarded to him. He said he was anxious to start home. He did not say when he would be ready to go for he then had no knowledge that I was so ready to be off. When I arrived here, I wrote him to tell me when he would start for Salt Lake. That I was waiting to start on. So when he answers my letter I will have a knowledge about his time to start. He is over 500 miles from Salt Lake. And I am about 400. It may be that we shall not get together sooner then a month, but I hope we will. We're comming sure, you need not doubt that. One of us will come anyhow. And I see no reason, now, why we should not both come.

I think Clint troubles about our bad success in this country more than I do - Father I think in less time than the time I have been in California, shall have passed good land in Texas, such as you have, will be worth double or three times what it ever was worth before the War. There will be plenty of capital and imigration go into Texas in a year or two. There are too many men in the World that want homes, to let such a Country as Texas lie unpopulated.

Now Father from the way you spoke of our hedge as farm, I infer that it is a success. I am glad of that. I f I can make that my home, I would expect some day, not very far off either, to have the greater portion of that tract of Land under a Bois D. Arc Hedge. Would not that be gay? I think it would. I would think of making that a desirable and valuable place. There is more money in that than there is going around in this Country. So I am going to Texas - Don't you like the proposition? I think you do. Now, there is no use in being sad if we can help it. So I have come to the same conclusion that the Almighty did, When he said "It was not good for Adam to be alone." So you can mark it, I am not going to keep Batch any more when I go to Texas. That is, if I can fin, (as the Song goes) one suited to my mind. I used to know some fair beauties, that dwelt in those parts that I had an idea would like to have their names changed. So if they are around now, you all can tell them that I am an agent now, capable and ready to attend to that kind of business

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Austin, Lander Co.
Nevada

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and that I will be around on my circuit in about two or three months and I will most assurdly give them a call. Well, Father I must close, I will write you again in a few days.

J. C. Rutherford

CALVIN'S

June 15/66

Dear Father & Mother & Relatives,

Good evening. I presume you are in good health. I hope so at any rate. There is no use in me telling you that I am in pretty fair health, for here I am. I have come here with this letter in order to see that it came safe and also to show you that I am looking something like I used to. Here, take a good look at me, and then let some one else take a squint. It's been a long time since any of you have seen me back there. And I hope it affords you some enjoyment to behold you Boy Calvin again although he is a pretty old boy by this time. However, I think he can flatter himself as not looking very old or much broken as yet. And no doubt he would like to have the Girls concur in the same belief. Wel-Co. Don't you see, I have forgotten to date my letter? I have just found it out. Well here it is, June 15/66 And I am in Austin, Nev. yet. The most restless fellow you ever saw. Wanting to start on to Texas, you have an idea where that is. Since I received here I have written Clint 8 or 9 letters I guess: Telling him in very near all of them, to start on to "Salt Lake." and write to me often when he would start. The only letter I have received from him, is one that was forwarded from "Aurora" and was written in March. It is my calculation to start on to Salt Lake within 10 or 15 days. John Featherston will be ready within 10 days So if I don't hear from him (Clint) within 10 or 15 days I will certainly start on to Salt Lake and keep writing to him. I have already written to him to write to "Salt Lake" So when I get to the City, If I can't then see any show or prospect of his coming, Why, I can't say how long I might think it advisable to stop there, waiting for him. I am very confident however, that I will hear from him soon and feel certain that he will meet me at Salt Lake. - This thing of waiting and fooling around in this Country doing nothing is very expensive & it makes a person very restless to be ready to go anywhere, and still be waiting for something the results for which he is waiting he can't control. Father, I only wrote you a letter a few days ago. I would not have written this letter so soon, only I wanted to send these pictures, as I promised, and hated to send them without writing you something. I know I would hear from you if I did not write something and send with them. Now, I am not decided as how I will send them. I had three taken today, and I mean to send them all together to you and then you can do with them as you like. I think, however, that I will send them one at a time. But when they come to hand, you will know then how I sent them. I think you will notice that I have numbered them, 1,2, & 3. N. 1 is the poorest, N.2 is the next best, and N 3 is the best one of all. N. 3 is the best likeness I ever had taken to my notion and when you see them I think you will say so too. Father, in my last letter a few days ago I acknowledged the receipt of your two last letters of March & April. I disremember there dates no. - Father I can't say when I will be at home. I think I can make the trip in 76 or 80 days When I get started, if I don't have to lie over too long at Salt Lake. There is an awful sight of immigration from this Country, or these countries to the States this season. I think there have been 200 persons part thru this place since I have been here going East to "America" or to God's Country as they call it. I will mail this letter tomorrow. Write Salt Lake and Denver City, - I will undoubtedly be there some of these times. Tell me who is tending the farm

J. C. Rutherford

CALVIN'S

Austin, Lander Co.
Nevada June 18/66

Dear Father, Mother, & Amanda, Hughey & the Children.

I am all alone, and feel rather lonesome, my cabin mate being out in town some place. It is about 8½ o'clock and I am writing by candlelight. I would probably be down listening to the Music or reading the papers down there, If I only felt exactly well. But I feel poorly this evening, and concluded I would stay in the Cabin. And while I was sitting here taken some doses of "Jamaica Ginger" to heat up my feelings a little, the thought came to my heart that I would reach up and take down the paper and pen & ink and commence talking to you about something, and pass offf the lonely evening in conversation.

Father, I will tell you something about Austin Cty. It is a mountain mining Town of about 1000 or 1500 inhabitants. It is situated on the Overland Mail & Telegraph Road. 480 odd miles west of Salt Lake & 175 miles East of Carson City, the Capital of the State. Austin is exclusively Quartz mining Town. The ledges contain silver and other base Metals, such as iron, copper, antismony, & some gallena. The ledge here, I believe without any exception are very small, averaging about 4 or 5 inches in thickness. Many of them are very rich, that is, they have a great deal of Silver in them and look very rich and exciting to an inexperienced miner, or dealer in mines. Times are considered very good here a great deal of Labor going on, which money plenty and that makes times good for the business man of the place; and makes times appear prosperous. These mines are being worked now by Eastern capital and they spend a heap of Money - in the most cases, more than they can take out of their mines. But that class, where they get in and lose money they stay in then, to try to get their money back that have lost. And keeping their business to themselves, their mines & mills keep chaging hands and new capital is brot to bear and so it goes from one year to another. It is money brot into this country that makes it, not waht is taken out of the mines. Quartz mining in this country, I mean this Coast, has undergone a very great change within a few years past. Poor men used to try to work these Silver mines themselves, but eventually they found as a general rule they were unsuccessful; And then with the idea that it took Capital (as is very true) to open Quartz mines (which the poor man hadn't) and when once open they would prove remunerative, with few exceptions, Capitalists were thereby induced to take hold of Quartz mining.

So all the prospecting that is done now, for Quartz mining is done with a new view of selling the mines after they are found, to Capitalists and is proving to be the most successful position the prospecter has been placed in, since the early days of California. You can read the papers and be made to imagine the money or Silver --- so plenty here, that one would find no trouble in procuring a Big Silver Brick, every few days. There are more Humbuggers in the business of Quartz Mining, than in anything else you can mention. I am getting tired and sleepy and I must close my letter.

J. C. Rutherford

Austin, June 19/66

Well Father, you see I am still living. I feel very well this morning. It is a very fine morning. The snows are undoubtedly over now for a month or two. The weather will be hot enough for about two months. These mountain towns are very pleasant places to live, in the summer season. The nights are cool and refreshing. The Towns are all supplied with cool mountain water Conducted thro pipes, to & into every man's house that wants it. Which makes it very nice and convenient. These Mountain Counties are very healthy, as a general rule. There are portions of this Mountain Country that are horrible to live in. But the mountain Towns are the most pleasant portion and part of the year very pleasant places to live. Some men like this country on account of its changable and exciting features. But I can't say that I do. One day a man is poor another he is rich. These cases however, are not very plenty in reality, but thro imagination they are very common. Almost every man within a years time has been made rich three or four times in expectation. You see they live on hopes from year to year. There is pleasure in this kind of life if one was not compelled to live so very hard during most part of the time, as for my part, I would sooner be excused for a while of its pleasures. A friend of mine called last night to tell me "Good bye". He He was starting out to some mines of his. He was excited. He said he had struck it rich. I would have gone with him but for my home trip. I am expecting John Featherson here tomorrow or next day. Then we shall start for Salt Lake immediately. We shall meet Clint there about July 10 or 12 - I got a letter from Clint a few days ago. We will be at "Salt Lake" about the same time that we can get there. The best I can say is that we shall be at home about the first of October. Will that suit you? I guess it is the best I can do. Father, I send you another One of My Pictures in this letter. Accept it with my love.

J. C. Rutherford

CALVIN'S

G. S. L. City, Utah, Ty. July 13/66

Dear Father, Mother & Relatives,

Myself, Clint, & John Featherston are all here. We will start on Denver City within two hours or so.

I an John arrived here Yesterday morning, and Clint the evening before, All in good health and fine spirits. This is a fine looking City.

We saw Brigham Young. "So, Billy for us" I expected to get a letter from you here, but did not. I hope we shall get one at Denver City. We will get to Denver in about 20 or 25 days, if no bad luck. The weather here is quite warm. There is a great imigration thro to the States this season. I don't know yet which way we will after we leave Denver. We may go down the Flat in to the border of Missouri, Or we may go down the Arkansas river to the Cherokee Nation. We left Austin on the 23, June. I wrote to you there very often. I will write every opportunity. I am in a great hurry and can't wait to write any more. Excuse me this time, until I get home, then I will tell you all about it. Farewell.

J. C. Rutherford

CALVIN'S 3rd letter from Aurora
Date lost & part of the balance.

"I know not that this letter will ever reach you. I have written before this, I believe twice. But nothing from you could I learn. My letters surely did not reach you for I know some of you would have responded. I long to hear from you, yet I know grief & sadness will surely attend it. Still I try to hope otherwise. For I love my home, it is dear to me. But you to whom I am writing still dearer. Receive these few lines with my sincere lover for you all. Clint is well, in Idaho Territory.
Direct Aurora, Esmeralda Co., Nevada State

J. C. Rutherford

CALVIN'S
Denver City
Colorado Ty. Aug. 7/1866

Dear Father & Mother & Relatives.

I and Clint arrived here yesterday, all safe & in good health just 25 days out from Salt Lake. We will start out towards home within two or three hours. We shall start on the Arkansas River Rout. We are alone. We may however, get with some emigration. If we don't we shall have a very lonesome road. There is a little trouble now on the rout down the Platt and the Arkansas rout may be dangerous also. We can't learn anything about it until we get out on the road.

John Featherston quit us back on the road & went with a train going into Missouri, and will not come this way. I can't say when we will get home.

CALVIN'S
Denver City
Colorado Ty. Aug. 7/1866

If we could travel straight along, I reckon we could get home in 35 days or less. But we may be 45 or 50 or maybe never. I am afraid we will have to travel thro much danger between here and the settlements. However, I hope not. I will try and write you again within two or three weeks. There is a stage or Mail line from Sontee Fee to Leavenworth Cty. We will strike & travel on that road a hundred miles or so. I have been at the P.O. but didn't get any letters. I hoped to get one. It rains a little on us every day thro here: and when it don't rain it is very hot. I hope you are all well and receive my best love.

J. C. Rutherford

CLINTON'S
At Fort Larned
Kansas Territory

Aug. 28/66

Dear Father, Mother, & Relatives,

We again meet an opportunity to write to you. We are in good health. Our horses are in good traveling condition. This is the first time I have written to you since I left Idaho. Tho, Calvin wrote at Salt Lake & at Denver. We are stopt here by the Military until our Company is stronger. We will be reinforced this evening so that we can start on our journey in the morning (29th) We shall remain with this Train until we strike the Settlement I expect. So we will have to go out of the direct rout some 80 or 100 miles and then turn South towards Fort Gibson. We are 500 miles from Denver City. A large train of Waggons and Calvary are in sight. I guess it is Genl. Pope. He is expected here going East. We travailed from Salt Lake to Fort Lion without company, except a few days, John Featherston left us near Green River to go to ------- Missouri he said. We have had no trouble with Indians. Tho, there is trouble apprehended in this country and for the next 150 miles. We will have to travail slowly (I expect) while we are with this train. We have seen but few Buffalo on the Plains as yet. The report is that there are many thousands Indians on the Plains ahead. I have but little faith in these Indian rumors. We have heard them all the way since we started. "The Indians are just ahead." We are well armed. There has been a great amount of Rain on the plains and in the mountains this summer. Musquitoes, gnats, Mud & Rattlesnakes without end. The last three days & nights up to Yesterday we had an incessant Rain. Tho, clear and warm now. I can't say when we will be at home. Tho you conform a tolerably correct idea when, as we when alone travailed about 25 to 30 miles pr. day. I left Idaho City the 27th of June, arrived at Salt Lake City 11th July. Left the same on the 13th arriving at Denver on the 6th Aug. left on the 7th. From Idaho to Salt Lake the distance is 450 miles. From Salt Lake to Denver 620 miles.

Cal is up the Creek shooting at a mark, I guess as there is nothing else to shoot at, trying his gun. He has come in, and throwed down his 8 Shooter gun, and is making a fuss about the dog eating all the Buffalo meat that was spread out drying. I will leave a little of this ------- to fill out just before we start.

C. P. Rutherford

To J.A. Rutherford
Honeygrove Texas

Receipt for hairing & Tanning

First, Soak the hide in water till soft. Flesh it well. Rub it well on the flesh side with fine salt. Double the hide with the flesh side in - roll up as small as can be. Put it in a hole in the ground dug for that purpose. Cover with an old cloth, & then with earth sufficient to keep out all air. If an Old beast's hide let it remain say two days. If young, say one day and night. Raise and take off the hair with knife & Beam - Wash it clean. Again, have strong bark ooze, by boiling bark. Make the ooze strong also with Salt. Have it warm, put the hide in, raise it two or three times a day for three or four days, or until the leather is well colored. Renew the Ooze one time, and then look for leather in six or eight weeks.

The Oath. This is the Oath to be taken by persons registering as voters under the recent reconstruction acts of Congress.

I, J.A.R., do solemly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that I am a citizen of the State of Texas, that I have resided in said State for more than thirty one years next preceeding this day, and now reside in the County of Lamar in said State. That I am twenty one years old. That I have not been disfranchised for participating in any Rebellion or Civil war against the United States, nor for felany committed against the laws of any State or of the United States. That I have never been a member of any State Legislature, nor held any Executive or Judicial office in any State, and afterwards engaged in insurrection against the United States, and given aid or Comfort to the enemies thereof; that I have never taken an Oath as Member of Congress of the United States, or as an officer of the U.S. or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an Executive, or Judicial Officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the U.S. and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the U.S. or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. And that I will faithfully support the Constitution of the U.S. and obey the laws of the U.S., and will to the best of my ability encourage all others to do so. - So help me God.

May 14/67 J.A.R.

Register's Oath of office

I, J.A.R. do solemnly swear that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the U.S. since I have been a Citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, cousel or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the U.S. That I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended Government, authority, power or Constitution within the U.S. inimical or hostile thereto. And I do further swear that to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the U.S. against all enemies foreign or domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same. that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will will and truly discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, so held me God.

J.A.R.
May 14/67

Hedge Place Lamar County, Texas August 10th 1868

This Memorandum in this Bound Book, may certify that I, J.A. Rutherford have this day donated, given and delivered to my three Sons, Clinton P. J. Calvin and N. Franklin Rutherford, jointly and collectively, all the right, title and interest that I have in and to the following described property consisting of Eight Horsebeasts and one Mule. To wit, One black Horse, six or seven years old in my brand known by the name "Club" - One Cream Mare, without her Mule Calf, named "Creamy" - One Sorrel Mare, without her colt, named "Cely" - One Black Mare without her colt. known by the name of "Mely". One Brown Mare about 5 years old which has no colt known by the name of "Nelly", - One other Brown mare, the same brot from 'Idaho', name "Julia" Also three animals, two horses & one mule, which I Estrayed on the 12th day of July A.D. 1867. before Y. Burgher Esqr.

It is my desire that the above described property be equally divided between my three sons above named. Each having one third. The colts, now sucking, are to be allowed to such till winter. Given under my hand. August 10. 1868.

J. A. Rutherford

Clinton drew Club & Mely
Calvin drew Nelly & July
Franklin drew Creamy & Cely

November 12/68, I have this day sold two mule colts, brown, one male & one female to W. R. Stephens for thirty dollars each, making sixty dollars for the two to be paid in store goods, during the next twelve months.

So W. R. S. Dr. in good in 12 Mo. 60.00

July 27/69 I sold four yr. old mule & Litter Bed to Calvin for his Note for One hundred and twenty Dollars in Currency, Due in 2 yrs. interest from date at 10 pr.cent premium.

I also sold Franklin 2 four year old horse ponies at $70 Due next Jany. inst. at 10 from last New Year. I have Cal's Note, for the amt.

I also sold Clinton, Norman, a Bay horse for his note for $100. Currency or 71.50 Specie Due in 12 mos., Int. from date at ten per cent premium per annum.

Center Hill. Lamar County Texas April 27

We whose names are written below hereby and herein form ourselves into an association to be known by the name of the Center Hill Sunday Reading Club.

First. We declare that our principal object in this association is the advancement of ourselves and friends in knoledge and goodness.

We agree that we will hold meetings at Center Hill on every Sunday at 12 to read. We will have a Chairman at Each meeting Who will preside that day. Each Reader will be introduced to the Chairman and audience befor he or she Reads. The form of the ceremony will be thus. Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen I introduce to you my friend Mr. John Smith or Miss Jane Smith as the case may be. John or Jane Smith will face the Chairman and audience and say, Gentlemen & ladies I am here this morning to read my lesson in Center Hill Sunday Reading Club - He or She will read, Bow to audience and take seat.

We shall have a committee on had of 2 ladies & one Gent. whose duty it will be to notice will ---- to note the manner of each Reader. They shall point out member who seemed most carefull to honor the Club in doing this duty.

The member thus pointed out will be entitled to a ticket of Honor. Such ticket of Honor will be redeemed at .50 ct.

We would prefer that all the reading lessons be in the Book of Revelations in the Bible.

We will try to have our meetings as well behaved as a worshiping assembly.

Any person over 10 years of age may become a member of this Club signing this paper.

1866 May 10th. I was at Honey Groove today and saw the effects of the late whirlwind. It was a sickening sight. Rudolph's-Mart Wilsons & Sloan's houses are blown down. Stopp's, Mrs. Baker's, & mine are unroofed. Perhaps 15 or 20 Chimneys blown down. Some say 8 or 10 thousand dollars would be necessary to cover the damages. The dreadful Tornado occurred at about 6 O clock P.M. on Monday the 7th May 1866.

Its main track in Honey Grove was about 60 or 70 yards wide from about South 25 West to North 25 East.

Calvin's Fish Lake Valley. Esmeralda Co. Nev.
March 19/66. Dear Father & Mother & Amanda
& the Children & Hughy: Good Morning to you all.
I still hope you all live :- I love to Cherish the
hope that I shall see you all again, before many
months shall have passed. The shorter the time
between this & our Cherished and long hoped for
meeting, the more intense will be our joy; So
I feel. Father, yesterday I Recv'd a letter from
you, of Jan 24. It being the third letter from
you of our late Correspondence. Your 2nd letter
I sent to Clint. the same time that I sent my letter
to you of the 11 March (inst.) I also told him some
things that you wrote in your first. I may send
him the One I recv'd yesterday. Still it is possible
that you may get a letter to him sooner than I
shall this one from here - I told you in my last
Where he was, & where for you to write. To Boyce
Co. Idaho Ty. - Clint has Mines about 100 miles
East of Boyce Co. and probably is working them
now. - In his last letter three or four weeks ago.
he told me he was going to his Mines as soon as
the weather would permit. - He was then on Boyce
River, 15 miles above Boyce City, Mining. But the
Weather was too Cold to make any thing. It will be
very bad about getting letters from where he will be
probably worse than this. [illegible]

Well, Father, I received a letter from Vandelia
Martin, Tenn. yesterday. They are all living yet.
All the family. She said John Martin was in Texas.
She told me that Quille Smith was dead. Father, I
about did have Commenced this letter to day; but it be-
-ing so windy and disagreeable that I Cant work.
So I Concluded I would write some while I had a
little spare time: but it become so windy that I had
to stop writing; for the sand drifted in thru the roof
and Cracks of the Cabin so terribly, that it would
have been much more like business, to have been
Writing with a Chinese Chuck stick; than with
pen & ink. If a person Could have been removed
from Texas or some other more genial Clime, and set down
here to day, unconscious of the Removal, I think he
would have decided at once, that he was in One of the
Sand Storms of the Plains of Africa. I am actually
astonished to find no more men, Covered & buried
under the Sand than I do. Yes, and some people
think this a pretty good Country. I think a man that
Will Call this a good Country, is just about as Crazy as a
Man who is in the perpetual Motion question. And I
think a man that will live here a long time will go Crazy.
and is Crazy when ever he makes up his mind to stop here
and Call it his home. A man should look after Comfort in this
World. [illegible]

Father in your letter before the last one you asked me

questions. Great Many questions. Commencing at March 1/61. and passing up almost to the present time In my last letter I didn't answer much of these questions, because I hadn't time then to do so. I think I will endeavor to answer some of them in this letter so far as my paper goes. I can't answer them however in form as you put them. for the letter containing them is gone.

I will commence at 61 and relate some of the incidents of our lives. First, I left Plainville about the 1st of April; Came to Aurora direct, leaving Clint there to look after the debts that were out for big of 7 or 8000 dollars, which he failed to get - even more than failed, didn't even make wages for his time trying

So that Fall of 61. he come to Aurora also. While we were in Plainville however, having those debts out, fearing them to be doubtful ones too. and being determined to stay and use every means to try to get them. We thot it advisable to try to make some thing while we staid. In the meantime the great fuss Excitement about the Esmeralda mines was raging furiously. Such Excitements being calculated to, and do catch the oldest and most experienced Californians, up till the present time.

So we commenced taking chances on our money buying mining ground in Esmeralda district. And before we knew it, we had sold all our money for interests in mines. We felt much richer however, than we did before. We remained in Aurora during the Winter

untill the Spring of 62. Up to this time Aurora had been very dull. There being nothing doing and nothing to be made. We concluded for Clint to go back to California and I would stay at Aurora, and look out for the mining interests. Clint did go to Grizzly Flat. Cal. There he bought a claim. Worked on that, fitting it up, making tail races, flumes, & Hydraulied until Spring 63. Run it a few weeks, got caved on, and two of his ribs broken. He was hurt quite seriously. The water failed right immediately. and he sold for less than half what he gave. and came over to Aurora. arriving there in June. Consequently he did not make much that year. During that time I remained in Aurora. The Fall of 62, after Clint left Aurora began looking up. The mines were being opened, Mills building, & along from Jan. to April 63. We had one of the most business thriving Towns ever was built. Up to this time I had accumulated a great deal of mining interests out side of what we had bought. Quartz mining was then carried on entirely by joint Stock Cos. Incorporation stocks issued &c &c. During that time of 3 or 4 months I could have sold out in Aurora for 4 or 5 times what we put them; but unfortunately we let the time pass. Only selling enough along to meet my wants. and pay up the assessments on the mines. Many a big thing have I paid out on assessments - I had plenty of mining interests that I could sell in half an hour. But, I didn't think I had any reasons for selling off my mining

Mining interests then, for I that as every one that that they had just begun to be valuable, and that it would be folly to sell off. Before Clint arrived in Aurora in June/63. I had then had one severe spell of sickness; and was just able to be up when he came and which was just a starter to my sickness in Aurora. From then up to the Spring of/64 I was only able to work a few weeks at a time, my health remaining very uncertain, all of which time I made but little, but was spending what I had accumulated. Stocks commenced going down immediately after the great stir and excitement of/63. However, expecting stocks to come up soon again. The motto was then of course to hold on until they should rise again. And still people had hopes. Their hopes then, were finally lost, entirely lost. So stocks never rose again, but kept going lower & lower. When/64 came we saw that all we had accumulated in Aurora was worthless, a great amount of property being abandoned & people leaving. Gold & Silver Quartz mining was then quite new in this Country. Virginia City, in Carson Valley being the first Mines discovered of the kind, They proved quite successful & are yet. Aurora being the next place, and looking equally as flattering, our prospects were very exciting indeed. But the Mines in Aurora did almost entirely give out. Carson City. April, 12th/66.

Dear Father & Mother, you see it has been some time, since the windy day, that I wrote the greater portion of this letter. The cause of me not finishing this letter sooner, is, that I have been Boosting or in other words, Bustling, and have been you might say successful, for at any rate I have got this far on my way home. about 200 miles. I will leave here in the morning and go up to Virginia City. about 20 miles. There I will mount the Stage Overland for St Joseph, Mo. — I shall get on the Overland Stage, to morrow, at Virginia City, unless it is crowded, & I think it will not. It will be a rough trip on me, for my Rheumatism is not near well. Still I think I can stand it tolerably. I concluded to start much sooner quicker than I expected when I was writing the first part of this letter. I met with a chance to give away my interests, just at the time that you were praying for us to come home.

So I just dropped every thing and made up my mind to get off as soon as I could. — So this night will be the last good nights sleep, that I will be apt to get for some time. I haven't received any thing from you or Clint for about a month.

Clint, I expect is making some money up at his Claims near Boyce City. — I am not prepared to either go to him or wait for him, because it would cost too much, and might do no good. So I thought it advisable not to fool away my time for it is too expensive. I have advised Clint to come as soon as,

he could get ready. I can't tell what his prospects are until I hear from him again; but I have reasons to think they good. If I have no bad luck, I think I shall get thro (home) with him.
Yrs & Good Night. J. C. Rutherford

Calvin's.

Austin, Sander Co. Nev. April 18/66.

Dear Father & Mother, & Relatives. I am still living & moving around. I wrote you a letter on the 12th inst, telling you that I was coming on going home by Overland Stage: But when I went to Virginia City to get my ticket; I found that it would cost me not less than $400. to get to St Joseph Mo. So I immediately changed my mind, and concluded not to go that way, not at present at any rate. — I bought me a good horse & Rigging, & came to this place. 160 miles on the road to Salt Lake. I that I would go on to St Joe on a Horseback; But to day I concluded to stop here a while and try and hear from Clint. And also wait and see if we cannot come together. And another thing caused me to stop. John H. Thurston is down about 50 miles from here, and wants to go home too. So I will go down there to morrow & see him. I want to arrange it so, we three can all start home together.

I am sorrow now that I wrote to you that I was coming in the Stage, for it will cause you to be disappointed, especially if you should not get this letter. When I left Aurora, I instructed the P. M. to forward all my letters to Honey Grove Texas. I am sorry that I did that, for I will not be able to hear from you in some time. — I may not remain here long enough for you to get me a letter. But you must write to this place as the you know I would be here. I think myself that I will.

You had better write to Salt Lake too; for I may be there some time. I haven't heard from Clint since Jan. I write to him to day, to Boyce City. So I guess I shall hear from him soon.

There is a great rush from this Country to Montana this season. I expect it is a good mining Country. The great fault is, its too Cold. I don't know that I want to go there, any more than its being on my way to Texas: for Texas, is where I want to go. I have enough of the Mining Countries I think.

If I can keep up expenses while I stay here, it will be all that I expect. Still I may make more. I must try and keep up expenses & not lose what I have, because I want to go home too bad. I have enough to take me home very well horseback. I came very near going by Texas. Farewell. J. C. Rutherford.

Clinton's To Calvin.

Boise City, Idaho Ter. Apl 1/66.

Well, Calvin, My dear brother, I wish we were together. I hope we will soon get together. I came down last night for Chub: and got your letter of March 2nd, including Father's letter. Great God, the sad news! How can I bear it? Life has no charms for me. How can we return home and find Milton, Franklin & Jackson gone. Is it possible that you are the only brother I have living? I am a lonely cretch. Yes, I am lonely! I sympathize with our dear Father & Mother & Amanda. How can I bear the news, I am too weak; but let me weep! How can I bear it? I wish I was with you. Well, at farthest we must soon sleep with them! How soon, I care not. This world to me is a blank! How vain we have been. Is it a dream? No. They are gone! — I have but a minute to write, I am in the P.O. My horse stands packed. I will have more time to write when I get to my Cabin. Duty demands that we get together & go home to Texas. The proper place for us to meet at, is Salt Lake. I guess you can go home this Fall. I guess I don't want money. It has no charms for me. Coming to California may have been the best thing I could have done. We may have escaped death by so doing. I am in fine health.

This Country is too Cold for me. You Cant imagine how much I have suffered with Cold.

I guess I will remain in this section some month. The Gold mines I found, of which I spake in my last letters, are in the Indian Country. To work them I shall be in great danger. My partners have broken. They are afraid of the Indians. The Indians are at war now. Fifteen were killed in a half mile of my Cabin about the 4th of March. I must close. Write to me often. I will write soon.

C. P. Rutherford.

Calvin's to J. A. R.

Astor, Landa Co. Apl 26/66. Dear Father & Mother and Relatives, I am yet living & in pretty good health. My Rheumatism still continues to improve. Father, I reckon you will think I am quite changeable, when you get my letter from this place; find me stopt on the road. However, I wrote you a letter a few days ago, telling you that I was at this place for a while. I told you the reasons I stopt, which were like these. — Clint being at Boyce City Idaho, and not knowing but that he would like to go home with me. And in as much as I concluded to go home by horseback, I thot it advisable to wait

and see what he would like to do. I would like for him to go with me. Boise City is about 400 miles North of this place, and this place is about the same distance West of Salt Lake. And again I thought by writing that John Featherston would go with me. I dont know whether John will go or not. The chances are, that he will. I have here, I reckon about 10 days, — I wrote to you in Carson Cy, that I was going home by Stage. but I changed my Base.

So in order that you might not be uneasy about my nonarrival, I have written oftener than I would otherwise have done. Almost every thing I shall write this time, will be a repetition of my other letter, which will render this one less interesting than it might otherwise be. — I expect I shall remain here until I can hear from Clint, which will be 4 or 6 weeks, I reckon. Then I will very soon decide on something and leave here. I cant say whether Clint will be ready to go home with me or not: for things are so uncertain in this Country; Still from his last letter I have strong hopes that he will. I am making expenses here, very well. That's all I expect. I am doing it by working at $4.00 pr day, in a mine. But I dont think I shall work in the mines but very little hereafter because it is very disagreeable besides dangerous. Still I have done a great deal of such work in this Country. I hate the idea of going home so poor. Still I know its not my fault that I am not well off. Still I am in a better condition than thousands of other sensible, good & industrious men in this Country and some of my acquaintance. Men make money by strikes or chances in this Country. One in ten thousand probably makes a raise. Perfect lottery! I have a good horse & saddle, and $400. in Cash. That's my extent of funds. I can scarcely help feeling ashamed of my poor condition, after seven years absence from home, in a Country of Gold & Silver. Farewell.

J. O. Rutherford.

Calvin's L. to J. A. R.

Austin Lander Co. Nev. May 12/66.

J. A. Rutherford. Dear Father & Mother & Relatives, I still remember you. I that I would try and engage you for a few minutes with some thing, still I dont know what to say that will best interest you. For I have written so often lately and have told over & over, how I am situated here that I feel that it is hardly necessary to reiterate the same again. However, it may be well enough to say something about my prospects of coming home as that doubtless will interest you more than anything else I can speak of. I am still at Austin. I dont know when I shall leave here. I dont want here till I hear from Clint. I am expecting a letter from him every day now.

If I dont get a letter from him within three or four weeks, I shall attribute it to his having left Bryce City, before my letter from this place reached him. In such case, I will in all probability strike out in the direction of home, in some shape or other. Its very uncertain about John Featherstone's getting ready to go with me. Still he thinks he will. I would be very glad if John could go with me. He appears to want to go with me very badly. Father, I hardly know what to say about you directing letters. I have not told you to direct any to this place, for I didnt know how long I would be here. Still if I should stay here three or four weeks longer, I should expect to get some letters from you. But I may not be here long enough to get one from you. I dont think I shall be here long enough to get an answer to this letter at this place. Still I might. It might be well enough for you to write to me at "Salt Lake", for the chances are that I shall be there: by the time you could get an answer to this letter, there. — When I start I shall go to Salt Lake in 12 or 15 days. I want to hear from you very badly. The last letter from you was dated June. I would expect to get a letter again at Denver City. Situated as I am, I am very restless. Father, there are a great many things concerning affairs there at home, that I would like to know about, and could ask you a great many questions, if I had any show of getting an answer to my letters. I have never received any answer to any of my letters, only the two short ones I first wrote. Three in No. from you. Mum I wrote to Vandelia Martin, and will write to her again, probably before I leave here. They have been very fortunate during the War. Not to have lost any of the family at all. From the tone of their letters I infer they are "Union". A person having been raised in the South, and to be here in this Country during the War, is very apt to be, or go for the South, instead of the Government, unless he is very well posted in Governmental affairs. In such case he is controlled by sympathy alone. Altho. I know the South was to blame for seceding from the United States as she did, yet I could scarcely keep my sympathies from going with her. One thing that helped to make it so, is the fact in Nature that in case of a conflict between two parties (no odds whether they are great powers or mere individuals) one's sympathy is almost sure to be in favor of the weaker party, other things being equal. It is very true, the South had reasons for disliking the abolitionists of the North. — But the truth is, they wanted to set up for themselves and split the "Union". For all the guaranties of their rights, and all that they asked or could wish for, would have been granted, if they had not resigned their seats in Congress. They made up their minds they would do anyhow.

Calvin's, to J. A. R.

Austin, Lander Co. Nev. May 6/66.

J. A. Rutherford, Dear Father Mother & Relations:

I am yet living and in good health. I am here at this place. I had no view, at all of stopping here, when I left Esmeralda Co. as I have told you in two letters, writing you since I arrived here. I have travelled 400 miles since I started home: Yet I am only about 200 miles nearer home than I was when I started. — Owing to my view of coming by stage, and coming part of the way by the same conveyance as I did, I came much out of my way. I am waiting, stopping here for the purpose of trying to hear from Clint, to know what he intends doing, thinking he will probably concede to meet me at Salt Lake, which I have advised him to do. I arrived here on the 17th Apl. I wrote to him on the 18th. I ought to get an answer in a month from the date of my letter, any how. I had not told him that I would be here, so he will not think of writing here, until he gets my letter from this place. I wrote him from Carson City, the same that I wrote you, "That I was going straight home by stage". So he will not be expecting a letter from me. I cant say how Clint is situated, for I have not heard from him since Jan. (on account of my leaving Esmeralda.) Then he had a very good prospect of making money mining. Still there is no certainty of his making a cent for things here are so uncertain. — It's now you see it, and now you dont. — This is a miserable climate here in Nevada. This is the third day that its been snowing and still snowing together with a little rain. & tonight will be the third night. Yesterday's paper said that the snow was then fifteen inches deep. but its being a little warmer today, and a little rain interspersed with the snow has caused it to settle somewhat. There have been icicles hang from the houses two and three feet long. Now what do you think of this for a fine & pleasant 19th? I aim to try to keep up expenses while I stop here. If I do that much, it will be all that I probably can do. If I can keep what I already have, I can come home very well. — I have kept up expenses so far and think I can do it as long as I stay here. It is a awful to see how people have to work and hustle here in this Country to make a living. I mean persons of no Capital, working men. That constitute the greater portion of the population. May 7th. Dear Father & Mother, another night has passed the Weather very bad, still. Rained and snowed all night and is still at it. There is no knowing when it will let up. Before I got to Virginia City, I came very near taking the other end of the road, and going to San Francisco, there take a Steamer:

If I had known the Stage fare was what I found it to be, I would very surely have gone that way. If I had, I would probably by this time have been very uneasy, about my welfare, More especially on account of the cholera. Which is now raging in Newyork, and no doubt will be in many other places very soon. I dont know but I am glad that I didnt go that way. I may write some more in this letter. (J. C. Rutherford)

May 7th/66. Dear Father & Mother & Relatives,

So you see I have concluded to say something more. Yet I cant say myself what it will be about. I know there are many subjects, Father, that could be made very interesting for you to listen to, owing to your peculiar literary genius, but for me to undertake to interest you on any subject, I feel it would be impossible. You have no idea, how I have been obliged to neglect every thing like literary pursuits, since I left home. The nature or position of business has been such that I could not do otherwise than neglect them. Never stopping in one place but a little while at a time as a general rule. A person is liable at any time to get up and start right off to some new camp or excitement, leaving every thing behind that you might have accumulated in the way of books or furniture. Then again, unless a man is in a flourishing or independent financial condition, he has no time to study. He has to employ his whole mental powers, (or at any rate he does do it) in planning some way to get along. The country is such a hard one, to live in, that it naturally causes a man's mind to run too often to the pastimes of his life, when he was surrounded with every thing, calculated to make one happy. and causes him to feel trouble, and then to resolve that he will not employ his phyeneal or mental powers at any thing, but that which will bring the Mighty Dollar. that will carry him to the land of his former happiness. promising himself that he will then settle down and pursue his literary pursuits. Such is the nature of the thoughts of the Rambler in these funeral Regions. I arrive at these conclusions from considerable personal experience. If a person has ever had a good home in many of the states, (especially Texas) and becomes in low circumstances in this Country, the remembrance of that home, is sure to come up before his mind & cloud his mental vision against almost every thing, except something, that will in some way tend to transport him to the place & pleasures of his former enjoyments.

Father, I remember in one of your letters, you said There is only one circumstance that I can see or think of, favorable to your coming home. and that is, If you have got just money enough to fetch you & no more. Now that would apply, I believe, as a rule, but it would not apply to me. I would be an exception to that rule, certain. If the circumstances and conditions of

things at home were as they might have been. I can't say that that rule might not have applied to me, yet I think not even then. But as things are, it could not apply. There is but one condition now that would keep me from going home, (outside of death alone) that is the lack of means. If I were situated as many men are, with no relatives, & no nothing to compell me to go back, I would probably stay in some Mining Country until I did make a stake. But as things are, with me, it would be folly to pursue such a course. I have fears, however, that I can't feel reconciled to live back there, especially in my Old neighbourhood. I shall feel so badly lost, - I shall feel ten times as bad as though I had been there the last 6 years. - Well Father; so far as the Country is concerned, (I mean the federal Union) I think as you do, that it will be all right, and things settled after a while, and be a much better Governed Country than it was before the war. I consider there is not any danger of war again in the U. S. - unless something of the kind should result from the radicals of the No. attempting to force upon the people Negro suffrage. The people might stand it, but I think not. Johnson is acting as favorably towards the Southern people, as he can possibly act. He vetoed the Civil Rights Bill, but they passed it over his head. The reconstruction policy presented by the Committee will probably pass. It's a little too radical for Johnson, yet he may submit to it. All persons voluntarily acting in the Rebelion, are prohibited from voting until 70. for Electors for President & for Congressmen. I don't know that it is more than just. Farewell.

I. C. Rutherford

Clinton's, to I. A. R.

Idaho City, Idaho Ty. April 25/66.

Dear Father & Mother & Relatives. I again begin a letter to you after a long silence of years. With a partial knowledge of your, or more properly, our bereavements. For it was but a few days ago that I got your letter of Nov. 29th directed to Calvin, containing the sad news of the death of Brothers, Milton Jackson & likely Hartshorn - Other Relatives & friends. This is the only letter I have received from you. - One of the most pleasant themes of the rebelion with me, has been, When, I would be able to return home and see and enjoy the Company of my brothers. - How can I return and find them gone?

Well, we must pull up with the World and its heavy hand, and live as long as we can, and bear losses and bereavements with fortitude, as a duty to ourselves. - I am in good health. - My health has been generally good the last three years. I have been more healthy up North than while in Nevada.

I think Calvin has not enjoyed the best of health down in Nevada since I left him. I am yet troubled with the sick head-ache, but not so frequent as while in Texas. Calvin is in Nevada yet, & I guess he will remain there until he gets ready to go home to Texas.— He will, I expect, write to you regularly while he remains there. I will try to write to you pretty regularly.

I guess Calvin, has answered most of the questions you asked in your letter of Nov. 27th/65. Some, I will answer. I spent considerable of the time in California, in the years 1861 & 62 & 63. During this time Calvin was in Nevada.— In the May 1864 I left Aurora City for this Northern Country: Rather on a big prospecting trip. I spent all of 64 prospecting until Winter. I wintered on Salmond River, in North Idaho.— In the year 65, hunted Gold all season. When in the Fall, I found tolerable good Gold Diggings, which Mines are out in the Snake Indian Country. It will be some what dangerous to work them. When I found those mines, I immediately concluded to return to them this Spring, and work them some two years; and then go home, for I am sure I can make considerable money in those Mines in two years work.— It looks rather hard, to spend two years toil & labor hunting mines, and after finding them, then to leave them for some one else to find and make money out of. And will this be done? It will have to be done. So I abandoned the idea of working those Mines, on the reception of your letter: and have concluded to go home (to Texas). I think I shall leave Idaho City, about the first of August next, likely sooner. Calvin is determined to go home this year. Our arrangements are being fixed as rapidly as possible with regard to when and where we shall meet. I think we will meet at Salt Lake City. We shall cross the plains on Horseback I think. I do not know when Calvin wants to start. He did not say when in his last letter. There is one thing I am sure of, and that is this. We will be at home between this and next December, if we live and keep our health.

I stood aloof, during the War, from Politics, to a great extent.— We were not in the Army at any time. We lost money in Nevada. The Esmeralda Mines, proved to be next to worthless. They are what we call a big Humbug.— busted thousands and made but few. There are many secessionists in Idaho. and in all the Pacific States and Territories. The Summers in Idaho are short & pleasant. The Winters are long and very Cold. I have suffered too much the last two years with Cold weather. Idaho is healthy. I am mining not far from Idaho City. Will remain

of Composure. But how can I? It is a great bereavement to Father & Mother & Amanda! It must be! Calvin, I am in good health. You spoke in your letter as if you had been in poor health for a considerable length of time. but at present was in tolerably good health. I am yet mining on Bear River above Bear City. and may remain here some time, a month or so. and possibly longer. At any rate I think I shall stop in this section, some three months. It is best to do so I think. When I came to these Mines last Fall, I expected to make some money but have not done so. Tho I would have made money (a little) if the Winter had not been so cold. We have had an awful Cold Winter here. I can't bear the Winters this far North. I can't risk another One. Considering all things. I am sure it is our duty to get together and go home this summer or Fall. Yet I regret to leave those Mines I found last fall. For in those Mines I think I could make money the next two years. Tho, I would be in great danger of being killed by the Indians. For those Mines are in the Indian Country. I do not feel disposed to run perilous [illegible] life I have been doing ever since I left Aurora City. I shudder when I look and see what I have passed thro the last two years. A Band of Indians was killed, about the 4th of March in a half mile of my Cabin. We carry our arms with us on to the claim every day. Yet I think the danger is about over.

I have but little or no fears now. My partners are unwilling to go to those Mines above spoken of. Considering all things I must give up the idea of staying in this Country, to work those Mines. Yet I regret to do so.

When I leave the River I guess I shall go up to Bear Basin and work there a spell. I guess I had rather remain in this Section till I get ready to go home. I wrote to you I think, that one of my horses died last Winter. I have one left, worth at present about $90. I am out of debt, I have six Weeks Grub on hand, I haven't exceeding $40. forty dollars. I think we should start home by the first of August. We had better go across the plains by way of Salt Lake. I believe it will be best for us to meet at Salt Lake. With regard to those things, you should immediately write and give your ideas. I will lose no time in trying to make money to take me home. It is a bitter [illegible] to think of going home broke. It will have to be so! Our Coming to California in 1857.

I think, till I get ready to start home. Idaho is my post Office. Father, you are anxious to know why I and Calvin are so widely separated. One in Idaho, the other in Nevada. Stating in your letter that we promised to remain together. You fear that we separated on account of a difficulty or ill feeling. Nothing of the kind. We parted in Nevada with the best of feelings, as we had lived for years with the same feelings, as far as I know. It was a mutual agreement that I should come North, & prospect, and Calvin remain in Nevada, and attend to our interests there. For by this time we plainly saw, that the Esmeralda Quarts Mines were a grand failure, in which we were largely interested. (The Esmeralda Mines are exclusively Quarts Silver and Gold.) The Weather is quite Cloudy, and it is snowing rapidly while I am Writing. Up on the Mountains, five miles from Town, the snow is yet some 4 to 6 feet deep. This Country is too Cold for me. I am sure that I and Calvin will Come home together, tho, we may have Considerable difficulty in getting together. Every exertion will be made by my part to get with Calvin, and Come home together, Without he Concludes to go by the way of the Southern Route thro Arasonia. That will be too long a travel for me. I have written to him that I think, we had better meet at Salt Lake City. I feel as if I had been from home a long time, & I guess I have. Yet I had given myself two more years on this Coast, until I received your letter of Nov 27/66. With its sad Contents. I am coming home now if I live. Amanda and Augusta, you like myself begin to show age. I am anxious to see You and Your Dear Children. I guess Ann Eliza, & Serafina have not entirely forgotten Me & Calvin. I fear there will be some difficulty in Crossing the Plains this year. The Indians are more or less hostile. I will have to close this letter. C. P. Rutherford.

Clinton's, to Calvin

At My Cabin, Idaho Cy. Apl 3/66.

Calvin, Dear Brother, I this morning begin an other letter to you, — I mailed a short letter to you on the 1st inst, at Boise Cty. at which time I received your letter of March 2, including Father's letter. Calvin, I see how you take the sad news of the death of Milton, Jackson, and likely Franklin. It is a sad trial! How can I bear it! Great God, I am Miserable! What can I do? How can I return home and find all gone? What is life & property to me? I had hope to be able to write her letter with a degree

May have been the best thing we could have done. Would to God that Milton, Franklin & Jackson had come with us. If so, they likely would all be living.

April 5th/66. The weather is fine. I think I shall leave the River in ten or 15 days. and go to Bear City. and remain there this Spring. We must go home this Syear (if we can). What do you think about our meeting at Salt Lake City? Write to me often. I must close for I have an opportunity to send this letter to Bear City this Morning. C. P. Rutherford

Calvin's,

Austin Lander Co. Nevada June 4/66.

Dear Father Mother & Relatives. I hope you all live yet. I am still living. I know you are all glad of it. I am in only tolerably good health. troubled yet with Rheumatism. I know you are sorry of that. I am not yet a rich man. However, I guess that doesnt trouble you much. And shouldnt trouble me. But I must acknowledge that I would feel a little better Contented if I were not quite so poor. But a knowledge of the fact that I never failed to do for the best when I knew it; gives me some Consolation. I am not a happy Man, but when I [illegible] around to find a happy man, I am force a to [illegible]clude that I am about as happy as the gene[illegible]rality of mankind. There is no lasting happiness in this world. There are certain sources of pleasures in this life. There are also certain sources of displeasure, that no one can shun, no odds what position in life he may occupy. Admitting that the discomfitures may be a little more acute in some cases than in others. Honor and fame & money are the great sources of happiness so considered. But is it so? Is the man who is worth Millions (or in the more recent appellation the Millionair) any happier than he who is worth only his hundreds. I think not, but more miserable. All the enjoyment derived from the Case of either, is in the accumulation of the money. Not the actual use, or possession of it. So the principle resolves itself down to this point. The successful accomplishment of a person's undertakings, what ever that may be. This principle may be applied in every business; or undertaking that a person's inclination may lead him to take hold of. Now day a man sets out in life to make money that being his sole object. He starts with a very small Capital. his ambition or desires at first are likewise small. He dont hope or expect to accomplish much on his small Capital. But if [illegible] in a favorably degree successful to his [illegible]elations, he is as happy in that accomplish[illegible] as the man who makes a proportionate prof[illegible] on Capital of his Millions. — So as a man's

Capital enlarges his profits must be in proportion, to suit his increased desires or expectations, to thereby produce the same degree of happiness, as the case of the man of the small capital. — This principle is true, and will apply to every pursuit in life. And success is made the key to all mental human happiness in life's pursuits. Such are my views on the pursuits of life. Right here I will say that I have been made unhappy to a certain degree so far in life, by being unsuccessful in my pursuits. If I never had tried to have had money I would not have been made unhappy by being any thing but a rich man. However I am going to try to be successful yet, when I go to Texas. I let it know how I can make money plenty fast in Texas. What I mean by plenty fast, is fast enough to reconcile me to stop there and quit running about for such country. Farming is my business. It is the most independent and agreeable business that I know of, and equally profitable to any other with few exceptions. Such exceptions are in this country called Strikes, or Scratches, meaning a sudden success in business. Father, I have been thinking a great deal about what my future appearance would be like, provided I could contend to live back there on the Old farm. They have been in this strike. However, I'll [illegible] this point in my other sheet to morrow. — J. C. Hatfield

Tuesday evening June 5/66. When I set out on my first sheet last evening I expected only to write the one, and tell you something about my prospects of coming home &c, but my mind led off in a far a singular direction, and now I found that I should not have enough left to tell you what I ought to. So I concluded that I would go to a another sheet for the probably more interesting portion of my letter. Father I received two letters from you last evening: They were forwarded from Aurora. They were of the dates respectively March 11. & Apl 4, They were good long letters. I was made very happy by the receipt of those letters. For I hadn't heard from you since before I left the Ranch some time in March. These two make five letters I have received from you since the war. You said you had written 9, Yours of March 1. has been lost in place. and for certain reasons, but I am not smart enough to determine exactly which. I think it went to Washington. It seems the letter had not been post paid. Your letter dated Apr. came to me inclosed in a government envelope and on your envelope was marked "[illegible] for postage" It had been post paid all. I always that that letter plead in the

Post Office in a Large Place never sent out.
Father, You know more about these things than I do and you can account for it, and I will go on and tell you something about Matters in general. Father as well as I remember I have written you some or two letters since I first heard of you last January. When I arrived at Carson City on my way home, I there wrote you that I was on my way home by Stage. Now of Course when you get that letter you will be on your tip=toes looking for me, and you'll keep looking till you get my next letter, written about 5 or 6 days later from this place, I hated very much to have to disappoint you in your expectations; But such is in keeping with the ways of this Country. and of Course I didn't feel any way disappointed myself. I am used to it.
But I hated it on your account. The man who told you that a person could come to St Joseph Mo. for $150 is badly mistaken, for the Stage fare from Virginia City to Salt Lake is $100. and $300 in Greenback from there to Atchison Mo. Making, at the lowest Calculation $325 in Cash, Greenbacks being worth from 75 to 80 cents on the dollar here. This is not Counting the Grub on the Road which would be $50 or 75. So I Counted $400 from Virginia City to Atchison & holes. So you see it will co[illegible]

Men not less than $850. or $900. to get from Virginia City to Texas, by our land Stage, even if they shouldn't go by Stage any farther than Atchison Mo. It Cost me about $60 to get from Salt Lake Valley to Virginia. I went by Stage. I find that Staging in this Country is very expensive. When I found in Virginia what the fare was I made up my mind at once, that I would change my Base. I bought me a good horse and rigging. and set out on the road to Salt Lake with a view of stopping here at this place & seeing John Featherston, thinking maybe he might go on home with me. Making up my mind that I would try and wait here, and see if I could hear from Flint, and make arrangements for him to meet me at Salt Lake and we would go home horse back. So I have waited here from the 17th Apl to the present time. Just keeping at expenses while I stop. I am pretty sure that John Featherston will go with me to Texas. I have been with John a great deal ever since the Spring of 64. John is a first rate Boy. Father I think I will have my Purse taken in a few days and send it to you by letter.—
Well Father & Mother & Amanda & Hughy & the Children. after supper & I am still scratching off some nonsense or amend to call it — There are several things that I have forgotten, or failed to have room for. and

and so I have to use another half sheet of pa=
=per. Father, When I was on my way from Virgin=
=ia City to this place, at the Falls Bridge on Canada
River, at a little One horse Road Saloon (Whisky
Shop.) there I saw Bill Wright, for the first time
since 63 — I supposed he was gone, to some other
Country. However, from What I saw, I judge he is
at a pretty lively rate to the place they Call Virginia!
I may be mistaken, but that is My Opinion. He Was
Drunk, and I think he drinks a great deal. In the
Spring of 64, I saw Henry Mathis. My Opinion of
him, Was, that he Was Worthless. No account to him=
=self. Yesterday, I received a letter from Clint about
a week ago. He is at Idaho City, Idaho Ter. It
Was on Bld Letter, forwarded from Aurora. He had
received One of your letters, that I forwarded to
him. He said he Was anxious to start home. He
did not say, When he would be ready to go, for he ther
had no Knowledge that I was so near ready to be off.
When I arrived here, I wrote him to tell me when he
would start for Salt Lake, That I Was waiting to start
on. So when he answers my letter, I will have a
Knowledge about his time to start. He is Over 500
miles from Salt Lake. And I am about 400. It
may be that We shall not get together sooner than
a Month, but I hope we will. We Coming, [illegible]
You need not doubt that. One of us will [illegible] any
how. And I see no reasons, now, Why we should not [illegible]

I think Clint troubles about our bad success in
this Country more than I do. — Father I think in less
time than the time I have been in California, shall
have passed, good land in Texas, such as you have,
will be worth double or three times What it ever was
Worth before the War. There will be plenty of Capital
and emigration go into Texas in a year or two. There
are too many men in the World that Want homes,
to let such a Country as Texas lie unpopulated.

Now Father, from the way you spoke of our hedge
Fence, I infer that it is a success. I am glad of
that. If I Can make that my home, I would ex=
=pect some day not very far off, either, to have the
greater portion of that tract of Land, under a
Bois D. Arc Hedge. Would not that be gay? I think
it would. — I would think of making that a desirable
and Valuable place. — There is more Money in that
than there is in going around in this Country. So I
am going to Texas. — Dont you like the proposition?
I think you do. Now, there is no use in being sad, if
We can help it. So I have Come to the same Con=
=clusion that the Almighty did, When he said "It
Was not good for Adam to be alone". So you Can think
it, I'm not going to keep Batch any more than I go to
Texas. That is, if I Can find, (as the Song goes) "one suit=
=able to my mind". I used to know some fair beauties,
that dwelt in those parts, that I had an idea would
[illegible] their names Changed. So if they are around
now,

You all can tell them that I am an agent now, capable and ready to attend to that kind of business. and that I will be around on my Circuit in about two or three months. and I will most assuredly give them a Call. Well, Father I must Close, I will write you again in a few days.

J. C. Rutherford

Calvin's

Dear Father & Mother & Relatives, Good Morning. I presume you are in good health. I hope so at any rate. There is no use in me telling you that I am in pretty fair health; for here I am. I have come here with this letter in order to see that it comes safe. and also to show you that I am looking some thing like I used to. Now, take a good look at me, and then let some one else take a squint.

It's been a long time since any of you have seen me back there. And I hope it affords you some enjoyment to behold your Boy Calvin again! although, he is a pretty old boy by this time. However, I think he can flatter himself as not looking very old or much broken as yet. And no doubt he would like to have the Girls Concur in the same belief. Well-lo. Don't see, I have forgotten to date my letter? I have just found it out. Well, here it is, Jun[illegible] And I am in Easton, Nev. yet. The mo[illegible] fellow you ever saw.—Wanting to start on to Texas. You have an idea where that is. Since I [illegible]ed here, I have written Clint 8 or 9 letters I guess: Telling him in very near all of them, to start on to "Salt Lake" and write to me often when he would start &c. The only letter I have received from him, is one that was forwarded from "Aurora", and was written in March. It is my Calculation to start on to Salt Lake within 10 or 15 days. John Featherston will be ready within 10 days. So, if I dont hear from him (Clint) within 10 or 15 days I will certainly start on to Salt Lake, & keep writing to him. I have already written to him, to write to "Salt Lake". So when I get to the City, If I Cant then see any show or prospect of his Coming; Why, I Cant say how long, I might think it advisable to stop there, waiting for him. I am very Confident, however, that I will hear from him soon. and feel certain that he will meet me at Salt Lake.— This thing of waiting and fooling around in this Country doing Nothing, is very expensive—it makes a person very restless, to be ready to go any where, and still be waiting for something or [illegible] for which he is waiting he can't Come. Father, I only wrote you a letter [illegible] days ago.— I would not have written this

letter so soon, only I wanted to send the pictures, as I promised, and hated to send them without writing you something. I know I would hear from you, if I did not write something and send with them. Now, I am not decided, as how I will send them. I had them taken to day; and I mean to send them all to you and then you can do with them as you like. I think, however, that I will send them one at a time. But when they come to hand, you will know then how I sent them. I have numbered them; 1, 2 & 3 No. 1. is the poorest, No. 2. is the next best, and No. 3 is the best one of all. No. 3 is the best likeness I ever had taken to my notion. and when you see them I think you will say so too. Father, in my last letter a few days ago. I acknowledged the receipt of your two last letters, of March & April. I dont remember their dates now.— Father I cant say when I will be at home. I think I can make the trip in 75 or 80 days. When I get started, if I dont have to lie over too long at Salt Lake, There is an awful sight of emigration from this Country, or these Countries to the States this season. I think there have been 200 persons past this place since I have been here, going to "America", or to God's Country as they [illegible] I will mail this letter tomorrow. Write [illegible] and Denver City,— I will undoubtedly be there some of these times. Tell me who is tending the farm. Your J. C. Rutherford

Cabin's.

Austin, Lander Co. Nev. June 18/66.

Dear Father, Mother, & Amanda, Hughey & the Children. I am all alone, and feel rather lonesome, My Cabin mate being out in Town some place — It is about 8½ o'clock and I am writing by Candle light. I would probably be down listening to the Musick, or reading the papers down there, If I only felt exactly well. But I feel poorly this evening, and rather guess I would stay at the Cabin. And while I was sitting here, taken some doses of "Jamaica Ginger" to heat up my feelings a little, the thought came into my head, that I would just reach up and take down the paper and pen & ink, and commence talking to you about something, and pass off the lonely evening in Conversation.

Father, I will tell you something about Austin City. It is a Mountain Mining Town [illegible] about 1000 or 1500 inhabitants. It is situated [illegible] the Overland Mail & Telegraph Road. [illegible] miles West of Salt Lake. & 175 miles

East of Carson City, the Capital of the State. Austin is exclusively Quartz Mining Town, The ledges contain Silver & other base Metals, such as iron, copper, antimony, & some galena; The ledges here, I believe contains no Gold at all. The ledges here, I believe without any exception, are very small, averaging about 4 or 5 inches in thickness, Many of them are very rich, that is, they have a great deal of Silver in them. and look very rich and exciting to an inexperienced Miner, or dealer in Mines. Times are considered very good here a great deal of labor going on, which brings plenty. and that makes times good for the business men of the place; and makes times appear prosperous. These Mines are being worked now by Eastern Capital. and they spend a heap of Money, — in the most cases, more than they can take out of their Mines. But that Class, where they get in and lose money. they stay in then, to try to get their Money back that they have lost. And keeping their business to themselves, their Mines & Mills keeping changing hands and new Capital is brought to bear. and [illegible] goes from one year to another. It [illegible] money brought into this Country that makes it [illegible] is taken out of the Mines. Quartz mining in this Country, I mean this Coast, has undergone a very great change within in a few years past. Poor men used to try to work these Silver Mines themselves, but usually they found as a general rule, they were unsuccessful; And then with the idea that it took Capital, (as is very true) to open Quartz Mines (which the poor man had not) and when once open they would prove remunerative, With few exception, Capitalists were thus led indirectly to take hold of Quartz Mining.

Since the prospecting that is done now, for Quartz Mining, is done with a view of selling the Mines after they are found, to Capitalists: and is proving to be the most successful position the prospector has been placed in, since the early days of California. You can read the prospectus and be made to imagine the money or Silver so plenty here, that one would find no trouble in procuring a Big Silver Brick, every few days. There are more Humbuggers, in the business of Quartz Mining, than in any thing else you can mention. I am getting tired & sleepy, and I must close [illegible] Yours.

J. C. Rutherford

Austin, June 19/66 Well Father, you see I am still living. I feel very well this morning, It's a very fine morning. The snows are undoubtedly over now for a month or two. The weather will be hot enough for about two months. These Mountain Towns are very pleas=ant places to live, in the summer season.

The nights are Cool and refreshing. The Towns are all supplied with Cool Moun=tain Water, Conducted thro pipes, to & into every man's house that wants it. Which makes it very nice and Convenient. These Mountain Counties are very healthy, as a general rule. There are portions of these Mountain Counties, that are horrible to live in. But the Moun=tain Towns are the most pleasant portion, and part of the year, very pleasant places to live. Some men like this Country on account of its Changeable and exciting features.

But I can't say that I do, — One day a man is poor another he is rich. These Cases, however are not very plenty, in reality. but thro imagin=ation they are very common. Almost every man within a year's time has been M[illegible] rich, three or four times in expectation [illegible]

You see, they live on hopes. from [illegible]

There is pleasure in this kind of life [illegible] was not compelled to live so very hard during most part of the time. as for my part, I would sooner be excused for a while of its pleasures. A friend of mine called last night, to tell me "good bye". He was starting out to some mines of his. He was excited. He said he had struck it rich. I would have gone with him but for my home trip. — I am ex=pecting John Featherston his companion on next day. — Then we shall start for Salt Lake, immediately. We shall meet Clint there about July 10 or 12 — I got a letter from Clint a few days ago. He will be at "Salt Lake" about the same time that we can get there. — The best I can judge, we shall be at home about the first of October. Well, that suits you? I guess it is the best I can do. Father, I send you another One of my Pictures, in this letter. Accept it with my love. J. C. Rutherford

Calvin's

G. S. L. City, Utah Ty. July 13/66.

Dear Father, Mother & Relatives, My self, Clint & John Featherston are all here. We will start in Denver City, Within two hours or so. [illegible] and John arrived here yesterday Morning, [illegible] the evening before, All in good health [illegible] spirits. This is a fine looking City...

We saw Brigham Young — "So, Billy from" I expected to get a letter from my wife but did not. I hope we shall get one at Denver City. We will get to Denver in about 20 or 25 days, if no bad luck. The weather here is quite warm. There is a great emigration this way to the States this season. I dont know yet, which way we will go after we leave Denver. We may go down the Plat in to the borders of Missouri. We may go down the Arkansas River to the Choctaw Nation. We left Austin on the 23 June. I wrote to you from there very often. I will write every opportunity. I am in a great hurry and cant wait to write any more. Excuse me this time, until I get home, then I will tell you all about it. Farewell, J. C. Rutherford

Calvin's 3rd letter from Aurora.

Date lost, & part of the balance.

"I know not that this letter will ever reach you. I have written before this, I believe twice. But nothing from you could I learn. My letters surely did not reach you, for I know some of you have responded. I long to hear from you; yet I know grief & sadness will surely attend [illegible] still I try to hope otherwise; for I love my ho[illegible] it is dear to me. But you to whom I am [illegible] still dearer. Receive this feeble [illegible] with my sincere love for you all. Clint is well, in Idaho Territory. Direct Aurora, Esmeralda Co., Nevada State.

J. C. Rutherford.

Calvin's

Denver City, Colorado Ty. Aug 7, 1866.

Dear Father & Mother & Relatives, — I and Clint arrived here yesterday; all safe & in good health just 25 days out from Salt Lake. We will start out towards home within two or three hours. We shall start on the Arkansas River Rout. We are alone. We may however, get with some emigration. If we dont we shall have a very lonesome road. There is a little trouble now on the Rout down the Platt: and the Arkansas Rout may be dangerous also. We Cant learn any thing much about it, until we get out on the Road. John Hatherston quits us back on the road & went with a train going into Missouri, and well not come this way. I Cant say when we will get home. If we Could travel still along, I reckon we Could get home in 35 days or less. But we maybe 45 or 50, or may [illegible] never. I am afraid we will have to [illegible] thro much danger between here and the [illegible] ments. However, I hope not.

I will try and write you again within two or three weeks. There is a stage or mail line from Pontee Fe to Leavenworth City. We will strike & travel on that road a hundred miles or so. I have been at the P.O. but did not get any letter. I hoped to get one. It rains a little on us every day this here: and when it don't rain, it is very hot. I hope you are all well. and receive my best love. J. C. Rutherford

Clinton's

At Fort Larned, Kansas Territory, Aug 28/66

Dr Father, Mother & Relatives, We again meet an opportunity to write to you. We are in good health. Our horses are in good traveling condition. This is the first time I have written to you since I left Idaho. Ho, Calvin wrote at Salt Lake & at Denver. We are stopt here by the Military until our Company is stronger. We will be reinforced this evening so that we can start on our journey in the morning (29th) We shall remain with this train until we strike the Settlements I expect. So we will have to go out of the direct route some 80 or 100 miles, and then turn South towards Fort Gibson. We are 500 miles fr[illegible] Dez City. A large Train of Waggons and [illegible] are in sight. I guess it is Genl Pope. He is expected here going East. We travelled from Salt Lake to Fort Sion without company, except a few days John Featherston left us near Green River to go to [illegible] Missouri he said. We have had no trou[illegible] with Indians. Tho, there is trouble apprehe[illegible] in this Country and for the next 150 mile[illegible] We will have to travel slowly (I expect) While we are with this train. We have seen but few Buffalo on the Plains as yet. The report is that there are many thousands Indians on the Plains ahead. I have but little faith in these Indian rumors. We have heard them all the way since we started. "The Indians just ahead." We are well armed. There has been a great amount of Rain on the plains and in the Mountains this summer. Musquitoes, gnats, Mud & Rattle Snakes Without end. The last three days & nights up to Yesterday we had an incessant Rain. Tho, Clear and warm now. I Cant say when we will be at home. Tho you can form a tolerably correct idea when, as we when alone travailed about 25 to 30 miles pr day. I left Idaho City the 27th of June arrived at Salt Lake City 11th July. Left the same [illegible] 13th arriving at Denver on the 6th day. Left [illegible] 7th. From Idaho to Salt Lake the distance is [illegible] miles. From Salt Lake to Denver 638 miles.

Cal is up the Creek shooting at a mark, I guess as there is nothing else to shoot at, trying his gun. He has come in, and thrown down his shot=er gun, and is making a fuss about the d[illegible] eat=ing all the Buffalo meat that was spread out to dry[illegible]. I will leave a little of this [illegible] to fill out just before we start.

Yo. J. A. Rutherford — C. P. Rutherford

Honey Grove Texas.

Receipt for hairing & Tanning.

First, Soak the hide in water till soft. — Flesh it nice. Put it down on the flesh side with fine salt. — Double the hide with the flesh side in — Roll up as small as can be. — Put in a hole in the ground dug for that purpose. Cover with an Old Cloth, & then with earth suffi=cient to keep out all air. If an Old beast's hide, let it remain so for two days. If young, say one day and night. Raise and take of the hair with Knife & Beam — Wash it Clean. Again, have strong bark Ooze, by boiling bark. Make the Ooze strong also with Salt. Have it warm, put the hide in, Raise it two or three times a day, for three or four days, or until the leather is well Colored. — Renew the Ooze One time, and then look for it in six or eight weeks.

The Oath. This is the Oath to be taken by persons registering as Voters under the recent Reconstruction acts of Congress.

I, J. A. R., do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that I am a Citizen of the state of Texas. that I have resided in said State for more than thirty One years next preceding this day, and now reside in the County of Lamar in said State. That I am twenty one Years old. That I have not been disfranchised for participation in any Rebellion or Civil war against the United States, nor for felony committed against the laws of any State or of the United States. That I have never been a member of any State Legislature, nor held any Executive or Judicial Office in any State, and afterwards engaged in insurrection against the United States, and given aid or Comfort to the enemies thereof; that I have never taken an Oath as Member of Con=gress of the United States, or as an officer of the U. S. or as a Member of any State Legislature, or as an Execu=tive, or Judicial Officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the U. S. and afterwards engaged in insurrection or Rebellion against the U. S. or given aid or Comfort to the Enemies thereof: And that I will faithfully support the Constitution of the U. S. and [illegible] the laws of the U. S. and will to the best of my ability encourage all others to do so. — So help me God.

May 14/67. J. A. R.

Register's Oath of office

I, J. A. K. do solemnly swear that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the U. S. since I have been a Citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, Countenance, Counsel or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto. that I have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the U. S. That I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended Government, authority, power, or Constitution within the U. S. inimical or hostile thereto.

And I do further swear, that to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the U. S. against all enemies foreign or domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same. That I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and truly discharge the duties of the Office, on which I am about to enter, so help me God. J. A. K.

May 14/62

Hedge Place, Lamar County, Texas. August 10th 1868.

This Memorandum in this Bound Book may Certify that I, J. A. Rutherford, have this day Donated, Given and delivered to my three Sons Clinton P., J. Calvin and N. Franklin Rutherford, Jointly and Collectively, all the Right, title and interest that I have in & to the following described property Consisting of Eight Horsebeasts and One Mule. To wit, One black Horse, six or seven years old, in my brand, known by the name of "Clint." — One Cream Mare, Without her Mule Colt named "Creamy." — One Sorrel Mare, without her Colt, named "Cely" — One Black Mare without her Colt, known by the name of "Nely". One Brown Mare about 5 years old which has no colt, known by the name of "Kelly" — One other Brown Mare, the same brot from "Idaho", named "Julia". Also three animals, Two horses & One mule, which I Extrayed on the 12th, day of July A.D. 1867. before J. Burcher Esqr. —

It is my desire that the above described property be equally divided between my three sons above named: — Each having One Colt. Colts, now suckling, are to be allowed to suck till Winter.

Given under my hand, Aug 10. 1868.

J. A. Rutherford.

Clinton drew Club & Mely
Calvin drew Kelly & July
Franklin drew Creasey & Mely

November 12/68, I have this day sold two mules colts, brown, One male & one female, to H. R. Stephens for thirty dollars each, making sixty dollars for the two, to be paid in Store goods, during the next twelve months.

So H. R. S. Dr in goods in 12 Mo. — 60 00

July 27/69. I sold four yr old Mule & Little Red to Calvin, for his Note for One hundred and twenty dollars in currency, due in 12 months with interest from date, at 10 pr Cent pr annum.

I also sold Franklin 2 four year old horse ponies at $ 70.00 Gold next Jan. inst at at 10. from last New year. I hold Calvin's Note for the amt.—

I also sold Clinton, Norman a Bay horse for his note for $ 100.00 currency, or 20 Spun Hues in 12 mos, Int from date at 10 pr cent pr annum.—

1883

Center Hill, Lamar County Tex. April 27.

We whose names are written below, hereby and herein form ourselves into an association to be known by the name of the Center Hill Sunday Reading Club.

First. We declare that our principal object in this association is the advancement of our across and friends in knowledge and goodness.

We agree that we will hold meetings at Center Hill every Sunday at 10 A.M. to read H. We will have a Chairman at Each meeting. Who will preside that day.— Each Reader will be introduced to the Chairman & Audience by he or she Reads.—

The form of the ceremony will be thus. Mr Chairman Ladies & Gentlemen I introduce to you Mr John Smith or Miss Jane Smith as the case may be.

John or Jane Smith will face the Chairman and audience and say, Gentlemen & Ladies I am here this morning to read my lesson in Center Hill Sunday Reading Club.— He or she will read. Bow to audience and take seat.

We shall have a Committee on hands of 2 Ladies and 2 Gents, whose duty it will be to notice with a view to note manner of Each Reader. They shall point out the man or woman who seemed most careful to honor in doing their duty,

The member thus pointed out will be entitled to a ticket of Honor. Such Ticket of Honor will be redeemed at .50.cc.

We would prefer that all the reading lessons be in the Book of Revelations in the Bible

We will try to have our meetings as well behaved as a worshiping assembly.—

Any person over 10 years of age may become a member of this Club signing this paper.

1866 May 10th. I was at Honey Grove to day, & saw the effects of the late whirlwind. It was a sickening sight. Rudolph's - Mart Wilson's & Sloan's houses are blown down, - Stopp's, Mrs Baker's, & mine are unroofed. Perhaps 15 or 20 Chimneys blown down. Some say 8 or 10 thousand dollars would be necessary to cover the damages - The dreadful Tornado occurred at about 6 O'clock P.M. on Monday the 7th May 1866.

Its main track in Honey Grove was about 60 or 70 yards wide, from about South 25 West to North 25 East.

RUTHERFORD

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This data was compiled in the court house files of Anderson, S.C. which is for Anderson Co. S.C. formerly old Pendleton Dist. S.C. ... This is an attempt to find the parents of these:

Joseph Rutherford — Moses Rutherford
Robert Rutherford — Agnes Rutherford

Oliver Woods was their guardian ... I did not find in Anderson any guardianship papers for these four Rutherford children.

2

H-322
William Sartor and his wife, Delilah Sarton ... a deed sg. 10 Sept. 1805 to Gideon Shockley ... 100a land on branch waters of the Savannah River /Wit. Peter Sartor, James Shockley and James Tate J.P.

2a Following this ... evidently not a part

"I assign all my rights & title to the within plat & grant to Mr. Alexander Barran for value received this day Jan. 20th 1801 ... Signed JAMES RUTHERFORD ... /Wit. Alex. Barron Jr.

2b Since the date is earlier than the Sartor deed, I am unable to decipher why this small assignment is recorded here ... L.A.

3 K-70
JAMES RUTHERFORD, of Rutherford Co. N.C. ... a deed sg. 21 Feb. 1810 to Thomas Robinson of York Co. S.C. ... 1000a land on Prater Creek /Wit. Edward Bird & Peter Willis.

3a K-70
JAMES RUTHERFORD, of Rutherford Co. N.C. ... a deed sg. 21 Feb. 1810 to James McGee of Pendleton Co. S.C. ... 390a land above the widow Jenning's Mill /Wit. Edward Bird and Peter Willis.

3b L-316
JAMES RUTHERFORD, of Rutherford Co. N.C. ... a deed sg. 31 Oct. 1811 to Bailey Anderson of the State of Ohio ... An original grant to Rutherford of Toxawa Creek /Wit. Thomas Davis, Johan Bayliss, Earle and James C. Griffin J.P.

3c CHECK the land grants after the Revolution and note where JAMES RUTHERFORD took several grants in old Pendleton Dist.

3d J-492
JAMES RUTHERFORD of Rutherford Co. N.C. ... a deed sg. 21 July 1809 to Dr. William Hunter and James Hunter (Joint deed to them) 1000a land on Wolf Creek which was originally surveyed for James Galpin of Edgefield Co. S.C. but granted to James Rutherford /Wit. Robert Hardin, Edward Bird and John T. Lewis J.P.

3e This is all on JAMES RUTHERFORD ... NO WIFE ever signed any dower at any time.

4 R-526
William Eaton of Pendleton Dist. S.C. ... a deed sg. 12 Dec. 1826 to WILLIAM C. RUTHERFORD of Pendleton Dist. ... 100a land on Cain Creek of Savannah River and Keowee River ... sold by John Head to Allen Thrift 3rd. day of Dec. 1824 ... and later sold by George E. Foster, Sheriff of Pendleton to William Eaton at highest bid. /Wit. George E.W. Foster and Samuel H. Dickson.

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4a This WILLIAM C. RUTHERFORD does not show any further on the Anderson records ... He may have resided in the area out off into Pickens Co. ... I know Keowee River and Cain Creek are now in Pickens .... L.A.

5 CHARLES WHITE ... An affadavit sg. 24 &26 Oct. 1824 ... JAMES WHITE, my son died 11 July 1813 (IN WAR of 1812) while serving at Peter's Point on Cumberland Island ... I know that my son, James White was married on the 11th day of July 1813 in Laurens Co. S.C. to Elizabeth Thomas and that Charles Allen, Esq. did perform the ceremony ... Signed Charles White of Anderson Co. S.C. ... This was interesting and I copied it.

6 DD-303
ELIZABETH DRENNAN a joint deed with John Rutherford and his wife, LOUISA RUTHERFORD ... signed 2 Nov. 1857 to John Dealy ... 22½a on Generostee Creek by lands of John Fretwell ... Joseph Fretwell and Elisha Burris /Wit. Elijah Web & _____ _____?

6a Elizabeth Drennan and LOUISA RUTHERFORD did not say how they became co-owners of this 22½a of land.

7 DD-563
HEIRS of ELISHA BURRIS, deceased (Also as Burres and Burroughs) a deed sg. 10 Nov. 1856 to JOHN RUTHERFORD ... 164a land on Generostee Creek by lands of Lewis Preachard estate ... Land of the widow Kelly ... Land of Nancy Taylor ... and land of the A.D. Hembree Estate ... /Wit. Bryan Burriss, B.P. Byrom and S.L. Burriss

Deed sg. by heirs as follows:

Joshua Burress ... son of Elisha
Sarah Kelly ... widowed daughter of Elisha
Margaret, wife of Joseph LeBon Byrom ... daughter of Elisha
Delilah, wife of Reuben Burris ... daughter of Elisha
James B. Burroughs ... son of Elisha
Deborah, wife of John Dickinson of Benton Co. Ala. Dtr. of Elisha

All being heirs of Elisha Burress, now deceased

8 DD-592
JOHN RUTHERFORD with dower by his wife, LOUISA RUTHERFORD ... a deed sg. 6 Dec. 1859 to William J. Bowen ... The 164a of land "Which I bought from the heirs of Elisha Burris (See #7)" abd situate on Big Generostee Creek (Along Abbeville line ... L.A.) /Wit. John McClesky and Thomas S. Crayton.

8a This JOHN & LOUISA RUTHERFORD disappear from Anderson County records and this is the last Rutherford entry in deed books up to 1942.

9 Probate Records
The index of estates does not show any RUTHERFORD estate, will, administration ... guardianship or any other sort of estate under any possible spelling of Rutherford.

10 Rutherford deeds above
James Rutherford of Rutherford Co. N.C. ,,,. #3
William C. Rutherford of S.C. #4 ... likely in new Pickens Co.
John and Louise Rutherford ...#s 6-7-8
In deeds I checked for Reatherford and other spellings.

11 File 1380
Mrs. MARGARET MILLER ... Her estate Admst. 18 Sept. 1854 by her grandson, John H. Seawright ... Citation was read 4 Sept. 1854 ... The estate consisted of the remaining pension due her as pensioner of her first husband, Lt. Francis Johnson. Final Division made 3 Aug. 1855 to her living children.

John S. Johnson	Isabelle Black
MARY RUTHERFORD (my line - authors note)	Margaret Swawright
Rebecca Stephenson	

Deceased children of their heirs were not allowed by pension law rto heir in this pension payment still due the estate ... Mention is made "Margaret is also widow of William Miller."

12 File 22-722
WILLIAM WOODS ... His will sg. 13 Feb. 1804 .. NO pr. date on will which is badly torn ... Wife, Anne Woods & Ex...Children

Oliver Woods, my son	$1.00
Robert , " "	.25
Jennet, my daughter	1.00
Ann, " "	1.00
AGNES, " "	1.00
Martha, " " .... support until she marry ... a minor	
Margaret, " .... " " " " " "	
Rachel, " " .... " " " " " "	

/Wit. Robert Dowdle Sr., Robert Love and Samuel Given Dowdle

12a Evidently Jennet Woods ... Ann Woods ... AGNES WOODS were already married when the will was made ... NO SURNAMES used for any of the children including OLIVER.

12b All the other papers are missing from this file and hence I had no opportunity to see who bought at the sale ... who were the appraisers .. or any other date ... After the death of the wife, ALL CHILDREN were to share equal.

12c I was unable to find the estate of Mrs. ANNE WOODS, the widow of William Woods ... She may have remarried and her estate under some other surname .. No lands deeds were found where she sold the land of her husband, William Woods unless it was under a new surname provided she remarried ... She did have the right to sell the land of William Woods.

12d There might be an EQUITY on this estate since land was involved ... I checked Equity files (No Index) in the first four oldest boxes and did not find it ... There are more than 2500 Equities up to 1840 when and Index begins ... It will take days to check the Equity files for William and Ann Woods.

13 Many WOOD files but no ROBERT ... ANNE ... OLIVER WOORD ... I checked Charles C. Wood Admst. 1 Aug. 1832 by Hosea Skelton, Barnet Wood ... forgot to check date but earlier than Charles C. NO LIST OF HEIRS in either estate ... I did not check the later WOOD estates since no Anne ... Oliver ... Robert

13a No WOODS Estate files except for William Woods #12 UNTIL after 1890 and I concluded these to late to bother with.

13b OLIVER WOODS ... ROBERT WOODS ... WILLIAM WOODS ... ANNE WOODS always show in the many deeds with the final "S" as Woods.

14 I have an idea that the mother of the four Rutherford children in #1 was a daughter of WILLIAM and ANNE WOODS and note that one of the Rutherford children was AGNES and one of the Woods children was AGNES which may mean something and then it may not.

15 C-318
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New Hanover Co., N.C.
Wilmington, N.C.
F-1.

JOHN RUTHERFORD, Receiver General of Province of N.C. ..... A marriage Bond sg. 6 May 1754 to
Mrs. Frances widow of Gabriel Johnston
Trustee, Arthur Dobbs
/Wit. John Dawson, William Cathcart & Thomas Wilson

1-a F-1

GABRIEL JOHNSTON, Gov. of Province of N.C. .... His will sg. 16 May 1751 ....
wife, FRANCES JOHNSTON
Mentions lands in Granville Co. N.C. and elsewhere.
This part of will is attached to the Marriage Contract.

Forgot to check book and page

JOHN RUTHERFORD .... 16 May 1761 ... To my children and all minors
Frances Rutherford, a daughter
John Rutherford, Jr. a son
William G. Rutherford, a son
This was some sort of a Deed of Gift of lands belonging to his wife, Mrs. Frances Rutherford ... Same deed later in 1766 ... The land belonged to his wife and was entailed land.

E-262

JOHN RUTHERFORD and his wife, FRANCES RUTHERFORD .... a deed sg. 14 Aug. 1766 to William Tryon ... Here they were selling some lands that belonged to Gabriel Johnston ... Entailment rights of the children of John Rutherford and his wife, Frances Rutherford were curtailed for the THREE CHILDREN

Frances Rutherford
John Rutherford, Jr.
William G. Rutherford
/Wit . . . . . Names missing from this deed.

There are many deeds to and from this JOHN RUTHERFORD ... Seemingly there were no other children ... Entailment rights curtailed for the children and always same as above.

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SEE. SEAWRIGHT PAPER, BY ANDREA 1954. Candlemas Day

1.

Since I was in Anderson at work on Rutherford and found all that I could, I decided to check a few Seawright records.

1-a. ELBERT CO. GA

I was in Elbert Co. Ga. sometime ago and tried Rutherford and all I was able to find was ... TAX LIST 3 Oct. 1808

CLAIBORNE REATHERFORD, himself and seven in family.
No other entry did I find ... On Woods I found Robert also this Marriage Bond.

RACHEL RUTHERFORD, 5 Oct. 1809, to James Wootan

#15 M.-162 Anderson

ROBERT WOODS and dower by his wife, Elizabeth Woods ... a deed sg. 7 Feb. 1815 to ANDREW RICHEY, of Abbeville Co. ... 200a on Hencoop Creek where Robert Woods lives in Anderson Co. /Wit. J. Wasson and Jane Brock.

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FAMOUS FAMILY OF THE OLD DOMINION

History of the Rutherfords who lived in this Country

The Baltimore Sun of yesterday contained the following account of the Rutherford family whose progenitors settled in Frederick County and were the forbears of the present Rutherford family still residing here.

In response to a request from a Maryland correspondent for something on the Rutherford family of Virginia, we here present what has been gathered concerning this most enterprising and gifted family of the Old Dominion, which in a measure was instrumental in the growth and enterprise of the capital of the state. Of the descent of the family we have not obtained satisfactory or authentic records. All that we have gathered of the early family is the tradition that three brothers, Thomas, Robert, and John Rutherford emigrated from Scotland. Thomas and Robert came first, about 1743, settling in Frederick County, Virginia; John came later, settling first in New York and then in New Jersey. All bore the same arm, with motto "Nec Sorte, nec fato," showing that they were of the same Scottish Clan.

It is not known how long the family resided in Frederick, but it is evident that all the Virginia descendants sprang from them.

In 1764 we find Thomas Rutherford was a vestryman in the first Episcopal Church of Winchester, Va. Robert, his brother, represented the district in the Congress of 1793-97. One of the daughters of the first Thomas, Mary Rutherford, it is said, married Co. James Wood, the founder of Winchester, about 1730. But this would ante-date the settlement of Thomas Rutherford in the country by twelve years, and one of the dates must be in error. This Mary Rutherford who married Col. James Wood, was the mother of Col. James Wood the tenth Governor of Virginia, who was born in 1750, and became active in the Revolution, being Colonel of the Virginia militia in 1776. Afterward he was Lieutenant-Governor the then active Governor of the state from 1796-1799. He was a most patriotic citizen, and was honored by having one of the counties named for him in recognition of his military service. It is also known that the first Col. James Wood came from Virginia with Governor Stanhope, Earl of Hereford, who married the wonderful Hester Pitt. But let us return to Rutherford.

Thomas Rutherford, son of the first Thomas, of Frederick County Virginia, came to Richmond about 1775, and at once entered into all the business enterprises which eventually made the city so prosperous.

RUTHERFORD

Rutherford is a Border surname, originally borne by an ancient Tevietdale family. It is supposed to be derived from the circumstance that their ancestor guided Ruther, a Scots King of hoary antiquity, through a ford in the River Tweed, and that the lands adjacent were conferred upon him, and were thereafter called Rutherford, which name his posterity adopted when surnames became hereditary in Scotland.

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SOME NOTED RUTHERFORDS

The name is supposed to refer to one Ruther, King of Scotland and has always been prominently connected with the Scottish Borders.

While by no means a "Plentiful" name, it has contributed not a few individuals of merit in the realms of divinity, medicine, and literature. The first of note and one of the foremost, is Dr. Daniel Rutherford, uncle of Sir Walter Scott, and the undoubted discoverer of gas. Born in 1749, he became a professor in Edinburgh, as was his father before him. In applying for the degree of M.D. in 1772 he took for his thesis a chemical subject, in which he demonstrated the existence of nitrogen. The character of his discovery spread over Europe and speedily established his reputation as a chemist. He died suddenly in 1819. One of his sisters died two days before him, and another, Scott's mother, seven days after. His house was in South Gray's Close.

Professor John Rutherford, father of Daniel, was born in 1695, and was one of the founders of Edinburgh's Medical School, along with Professor Monroe and others. He for forty years occupied the Chair of Medicine in Edinburgh University, and was said to have spoken Latin better than his native tongue.

John Rutherford, born at Jedburgh, and minister of Cults, was an author of some note, and wrote a treatise on Aristotle; he was Provost of St. Salvador's, St. Andrews, and had as a pupil the renowned "Admirable Crichton."

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD

Samuel Rutherford, a well known minister, the author of "Lex Rex.", the text-book of the Covenanters, was minister of Anworth, in Galloway. His book was burnt by the hangman, and his stipend confiscated. No doubt he was glad to escape with his life. Men were hanged for less in those days. He died in St. Andrews in 1661. His last, as recorded, were, "Glory, glory dwelleth in Immanuel's Land". "It is no easy thing to be a Christian."

There was a Lord (of Session) Rutherford, who died about 1854.

Elizabeth Rutherford of Capehope, wrote poems, chiefly elegiac, the best known being "The Lover's Address to a Rosebud." Dr. Blacklock, the blind poet, mentions her with high praise, and his opinion carries weight. Burns, in his "Border Tours", says, "My Scott (her husband) has exactly the figure and face of Sancho Panza; Mrs. Scott, all the sense, taste, intrepidity of face, and bold, critcal descision, which usually marks female authors."

WRITER OF FAMOUS SONGS

Last, but not least, is Alison Rutherford of Fairnielee, afterwards Mr. Cockburn of Ormiston, author of "The Folwers (flowers, Fowlers?) O' the Forest." She lived in Crichton Street, Edinburgh; the house is now demolished, but a wall tablet indicates the locality of her house. She was buried in Buccleuch Parish Churchyard, where Dr. Blacklock and others of note are interred. Mrs. Cockburn's stone was removed when the ground was levelled to build the present hideous halls on the spot, and astonishing descration for the nineteenth century to witness, yet one which went unprotested against. It seems as though the fates were leagued together to obliterate her name from Edinburgh when both her house and tombstone were demolished. Nothing however can erase her name, which will ever remain ranked among the foremost in Scottish literature so long as the "Flowers O' the Forest" is sung. That being so, we may say of her as all those of true worth!

"Praises on tombs are words but vainly spent,
A man's own life is his best monument."
---J. Gladstone Gray.

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Nov. 16, 1954.

My dear Mr. Rutherford

Mr. Leonardo Andrew, of Columbia, S.C., gave me your address. He has been working on my fathers family lines for me - Also my mothers.

I have a great deal of information on Rutherfords but so far haven't found proof - on my Robert Rutherford's family (Born abt - 1775) said to have had - Brothers Joseph; Wm. "Moses"; & Agnes who married a Mr. Carnegie & moved to Miss.

She

Have you your Rutherford's traced? Do you have any information you think will help me? I have a lady in Richmond, Va. searching at this time.

Mr. Andrew did not tell me anything

other than you were interested in your mothers family line. Who was she? May I ask? As my Cousin in Mobile have much information and I have quite a bit. As to the Rutherfords & their Wives - I'll gladly search my file and give you what I have.

I hope to hear from you soon. I would like your Rutherford Record if you don't mind.?

Thank you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Sadie Rutherford, Picras-
(Mrs Geo. N. Picras)
P.O. Box 1247
Pecos, Texas,

By the way my Son is named John Milton Cloninger - His father is dead)

(2)

Samuel & wife Anne Hamilton Parish
B - 1783 in Loudoun Co. dau. of
m - 1790 Booker Parish & Constance (Massie) Parish -

children:-

1 - Polly born 1791 M. Dr. Burris
2 - Nancy " 1797
3 - Anne Hamilton " 1793 M 1st Dr. Wilson 2 - Daniel Aston
Samuel Cable Born 1799 M
Wm C. III, B. 1795
Mary J. - B. 1801
Casanda B - 1803,

Bro to Wm O. III

(3)

Samuel Cable Rutherford B. 1799 - moved
Married in Ala. in 1824 to Miss.
in 1826 (Tippah Co. Miss)
married to
Eliza Waldon -

children:-

Richard - B. 1825 -
Robert - . died young
Mary - ~~John Hall Aitken, Ala 1861~~
Emma -
Victoria -
Elmira - ? (Could this be Mera M J.G. Woods)?
?

1851
B 1799
52 yrs old!

(4)

In 1828 from Fayette Co. Tenn. to
Tippah, Co. Miss

William O. Rutherford III (B. Goodland Co. Va. Nov. 9. 1795 died Fayette Co. Tenn Oct. 22, 1839. Buried in Hamley Cem. his home in Miss.)
M abt. 1821 -
Elizabeth Isbell in Ala.
his widow married
(M. Roden, Primitive Baptist Preacher)

Children

Susan Anne Rutherford born 1822
M James R. Thompson - " " "
Benj. B. Rutherford " " 1825
M Sofronia Grace (1- Quit. 2- Alma - 3 - Betty)
William O. IV " " 1827
M Mercight Gordon - children, 1- Isbell, Hamilton, Billie + Wilson.
George Samuel Born - Fayette Co. Tenn - " 1830
M Lucinia Crum - B. Jefferson Co. Ala., children (7)
(Humphrey Parish & wife Mary) daughter
Ursula Parish M Wm O. Rutherford - I
Wm O. Rutherford II M ? ?
Wm O. " III B. 1795 M Elizabeth Isbell -

Est. of Rutherford Sues - "Rodens" admin of
Wm O. Rutherford's Estate (Son sue Father Estate)

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Feb. 9 - 1955 -

My dear Mr. Rutherford

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 7th - & may your Company serve for many more years.

My Robert Rutherford had brothers Joseph & Moses and a sister called Agnes who married a Mr. Carwyle & moved to Miss.

The family Bible was in the hands of other members of the family so we do not know who his parents were - James Rutherford in Edgefield had a Robt m. Miss Miller but we have not been able to find proof -

Then in Rockbridge (Augusta Co. Va.) A Orphans of Thomas Rutherford. I know nothing of them -

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I was in hopes your family would be one of "Moses" or Joseph sons - & maybe know something of my ancestors -

Mr. Andrea did not give me any information about you or your lines - You say you are having some searches made in Wash. D.C. - May I ask Whom you are interested in and if I have anything or should run across any information I'll gladly send it to you - Mrs Wm H. Knowles Richmond, Va is doing some research for me there and one day a week she goes to Wash. D.C. -

I have more records - my Mothers line also - Mouchet; Cook; Lightfoot.

I have just bought Wood-Woods Records from Mrs Esker of Wash-N.C - If you are interested -

No, I retyped the material for you - in hopes it would be of interest to you - Maybe someday it will come in handy to help someone - Please keep it if you like if not maybe the Lib. there could use it.

Thank you for being interested in helping me - Sure hope you will have my answer

From which Rutherford do you descend? Thanks again. I am

Sincerely yours -
(Mrs George N) Sadie Rutherford Picras -
P.O. Bx 1247 -

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With part 2 - containing additions & Corrections :

By: Lawrence B. Thomas.

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I have nothing out here to help so I've spent much on books etc. "wild goose chase" The above book might help us if it is in the Library please let me know if it is either of our lines - Sadie R. Picras.

(2) Rev. Dr. Wm. (Bruton Parish Church, Va) Goodwins, of Va - descends from a Rutherford family. (?)

"Ole - Jarnette" - of Va. + S.C. in "Virginia Hist. Gen." By John B. Boddie - Have a Rutherford Connection Also - (?)

"Mortons and Their Kin" Copy of Book in "Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill. Check for Rutherford - Wood - (Col. J. Wm)

Genealogy of Descendent of:- John Walker of Wigton Scotland:- of

Check "Perry's" of No. Car.

Jim Rutherford, Hampton, Ga.
Father was:- James English Rutherford, born near Sweetwater, Tenn.
Mother was:- Sara Oliver.
gr. father was:- William Rutherford, Va.
" mother " :- Miss — Hale - Va -
He couldn't find his papers the day I was there

(3)

a ~~Sister~~ Niece :- Miss Amah Lee Rutherford - Jonesboro, Ga - I drove by to see her but, she wasn't at home - I have written her but No Reply - Wonder if she would answer a letter from you? (B.R.P.)

John Rutherford, Vet. of W. War II. In Vet. Hosp't - Riceville, Ga.
Wife:- Mrs Florence Rutherford Atlanta, Ga. Says - his father named Jonathan Rutherford. grandfather came from Ireland - landed in New York - Said write to (an old Man) Tom Rutherford, Goodsprings, Tenn - Brother to her husband:-
Samuel C. Rutherford 1163 Sheridan Ave - Albany, N. Y. - He's family have a record -

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(7)

Samuel Glass M. Elizabeth Rutherford
2 children -
1 - Ella -
2 - William Wood Glass
3 - Thomas Glass M. Catherine Wood, a dau. of Mary Rutherford M. James Wood.

"Glen Burnie Wood Family."

Moved into Ala - abt. 1817 - from S.C. -
(Saml. Black M. Isabelle Johnson -)
half sister to
(Mary Miller Rutherford)

Black's Cemetery - in Blacks Bluff, Ala -

Jane Armstrong 1757 - 1820 - age 63 yrs.
James Black 1776 - 1850 age 74 yrs -
Mrs Nancy Black 1782 - 1828 - 46 yrs -
Robt. J. Black 1800 - 1841 age 41 "
Nancy Black - dau - of James + Nancy 1804 - 1859 age 55 -

"Moses" Rutherford M Margaret Black.
Buried in Ala.
Robert M Mary Miller in 1817.
Joseph
Agnes - M. Mr. Carwyle -

1st - "Family Register of the Swearingen Family" by J. N. Swearingen in 1884 -

2nd Edition pub. in 1914

"Sweens Index -

From - Gen. + Hist. Wash, D.C. -
G + H. item 14760
"Carwyle"
"Carlisle ; Wood:

G + H item # 13253.

Anna (Goldsborough) Fisher, A.B.,
934 So - McDonough St -
Decatur, Georgia -

I believe the (Goldsborough's) descend from Rutherfords -

Has Book
"Rev. Soldiers of Miss."

Mrs Walter S. Welch,
820 Fourth Ave.
Laurel, Miss.

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Books

"Sor" Campbell, History of the Campbell Family. By Henry Lee. (1920)

Miller. History & Gen. of the Families of Miller - Woods - Harris, etc. . . . . .

Millers of Millersburg & Their Descendants.

Ky. Pioneer & Court Records - By - Mrs Stanley K. McAdams.

Catalogue of Rev. Soldiers & Sailors of the Commonwealth of Va. etc. By - Samuel M. Wilson.
From official records in Ky. State Land Office of Frankfort, Ky.

This Q-135 was in Vol. 6 - "Hope I get answers."

Q - 135 - Wood - Rutherford, No Car. So. Car. Ala - Miss -

Robert - B 1775, Joseph, Moses, and Agnes Rutherford - were orphan brothers and sister, reared by an Uncle Oliver Woods or James Woods. Descendants believe their mother to have been ____ Woods (Wish name, ancestry and proof).

Robert M - Mary, dau. of William Miller & his wife, Margaret (Seawright) Johnson. They moved to Ala. among their children were :- William Miller Rutherford, who M. Mary Frances Fraser, and John J. Rutherford who M - Jane Smith. Moses Rutherford said to have M Margaret Black; died in Ala. Their Sister Agnes - M. ____ Carrigan & moved to Miss. Any Clue as to the Woods Ancestry of these Rutherford Orphans will be appreciated. : SRP
Texas

Mr. Rutherford:

Did I send you
"The Name & Family of Rutherford."
Compiled by
Wm Benj. Rutherford, at
Barry, Navarro Co. Texas.
a O - 1938

If not let me know and I will type the material for you -
Also taken from Book above - Mrs Picras -

Humphrey Parish & Mary —
(Related to Patrick Henry.)

Ursula Parish M William O. Rutherford.
abt. 1750 (to Amer. in 1746)

Lossane M ?
David
John Rutherford M Ann Johnson
Elizabeth " " Matthew Lacy
William O. II "
Samuel b. 1783 " Ann Hamilton Parish
Archibald M Margaret Mason Parish
Ursula M. John Richards
Mary M James Davenport -

Sunday
Aug - 7 - 1955

My dear,
Mr. Rutherford:

I have just sent copies of my material to a Mrs J. D. Lutrell, Sr, P.O. Box - 8737. Dallas, Texas - She descends from
Archibald R - B - Ga - 1817 to Jefferson Co. Ala B'ham -
1. Mary Elizabeth (her gr. mother married James Rutherford her Cousin.)
2. Susan L. married John R. Craig
3. Malinda Jane
4. Sarah Ellen
5. James
6. America -

Archibald Rutherford died, Gause, Texas.
NO (1830 or 1840) Rutherfords in Jefferson County until 1850 -
See Ala. Census I sent to you
1830 } Jackson County - (Scottsboro Co-Seat)
1840 } James Rutherford Born bet 1790-1800
1850 - list 19 - Family # 502 - James R. 68 Va -
wife Susan 61 - N.C.
* Archibald 33 yo self. B. 1817 - Ala
Clabourn 31 " " B. 1819 - Ala.
etc -

Family # 500 list 19: William Rutherford, B. about 1810.
Sarah B - 1822 Ala

Note see son James age 2 B. Ala -
Remark:- Archibald could have married soon after the 1850 census was taken. His daughter Mary Elizabeth

could have married "James"
I believe James age 68 Va. B. 1782 is a
son of Wm C. Rutherford of Pickens Co.
So. Car. also Anderson Co. S.C. & Elbert Co. Ga.
Clairborne Rutherford Est 1808 list in Ga - Rachel Rutherford M James Wooten in 1809.
See, My Andrea papers I sent to you -
Wm Clairborne had 7 in family:-

Please let me know what you think.
I am not a "genealogist" and
I gladly pass on all information
I have to those who are searching.
So many are interested but no funds.
to help with research. If you do not have the
above papers: I'll send them - Cant remember what I sent to
you. Have you ever searched out
Livingston Rutherfords, "Over 2,000 Family
Records"? Sure hope to go to Wash. D.C
again.

Mrs Edythe Whitley
2710 - Belmont Boulevard
Nashville, 4, Tenn
Says she has some information

"Joseph Rutherford is mentioned
in a 'Will' from one of the
Counties, 1831 - 1832, He is shown
as a Son."
He is not of Griffith Rutherfords
family.
Do you know of him? (Joseph.)
If so, do you think he could be
my Roberts' nephew?
Mr Poe of Little Rock is searching
Goodspeed's Vols (5) on Rutherfords for
me - will send you what
he finds -
My only interest in Words -
is same as yours - Trying to
find proof of Roberts parents -
If you will send me your
Rutherford line as much as you know
I might run across it.
Please excuse these Work sheets
and Writing, I've been copying so

many things - my fingers just wont work right -

Been wondering if you had found anything in your files that would help me.

Sincerely yours

Sadie Rutherford, Picras

Mrs Geo. N. Picras
1105 W. 3rd St
Pecos - Texas -

Just talked to J. Scott Rutherford in Waxahachie, Texas - descends from "Moses" Rutherford thru "Moses Scott Rutherford" seems called "Max" or "Mack". Ellis Co, Texas -

(See Ala Census.)

I believe his grandfather died last year age 90 yrs -

from Abstracts of Old 96 & Abbeville S.C. - By Pauline Young -

Callaham, John - Bx. 141 - Pack 3976 -

Armstrong (Minors) - Bx. 105 - Pk. 2580 - On Feb. 24, 1827 Saml. Huston, John Power, Patrick Johnson bound unto Moses Taggart Ord. Abbeville Dist. sum $ 2,000.00. Saml. Huston was gdn. of Matilda Vasti, Amanda Zena Armstrong minors under 14 yrs -

Armstrong, John - Bx. 105, Pack 2579 - On Dec. 7, 1827 Saml. Huston, Robt. Wilson, John H. Armstrong bound unto Moses Taggart Ord. Abbeville Dist. sum $ 1,000.00, Saml Huston was gdn. of John Armstrong a minor over 14 yrs -

Branyon, Henry - Bx 7 - Pack 129. Est. Admin. Mar. 6, 1820 by Agness, Jno. W. Branyon, Robt., Wm Ellis bound to Moses Taggart Ord. Abbeville Dist sum $ 1,000.00, Sale Mar. 28, 1820. Bys. Jno., Thos., Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Nancy Branyon, Robt. H. Kay, (over)

(2)

John Armstrong, David Taggart,
Robt. Rutherford etc -

This is my Robt.
The Brannons, Blacks -
Armstrongs - Hoggs seem to be
close friends or relatives of
Mary Miller, or Robt. Rutherford.

Saml. Huston descends from
Rutherford's -

Some
Rutherfords are buried in Old Armstrong
Cemetery -
So are Wm Miller + Mary Miller.

Just heard from a Lady in Dallas - I believe she descends from Wm. C. -; James; Archibald (ala) (ala) Mary Elizabeth (ala) married her Cousin James. M. (ala)

Claiborne:-

Oliver's Carter Family Tree,
Goode's Va. Cousins
Meade's Old Fam. & Churches.
Neill's Va. Carolorum.
Richmond, Va., Standard, II, III, IV
Slaughter's Hist of Bristol Par., Va.
Habersham Hist. Coll. of Ga., I.
Claiborne Pedigree, by:-
J. M. Claiborne, 1900.
Va. Hist. Mag. I, II, V.

Crozier's History of Buckner Family, of Va., 1907 & 8
Wm + Mary Quar., III, V, VIII, IX.

Va. Co. Records, V: VI.

see (Va. Nc. Pickens Co. S.C. + Elbert Co. Ga.) (Had 7 in Family.)
Habersham Co. S.C.
Wm Claibourne (Claborne)
(Check for Rutherford's ~~Line~~

~~Lightfoot~~ Marriages ~~Lic~~
~~Mrs Margaret~~
~~Mrs Susan Lightfoot B. 1763/4~~
~~This is a~~

Received from: Sadie Rutherford Picras

Rutherford --- Info. gathered by "GOODSPEED, Five Full VOLS." of Early Rutherfords in Arkansas. Vols. not indexed, but by COUNTIES .. sent to me by Mr. Joe Poe, of Little Rock, Ark. He does not descend from Rutherford, but was kind enough to gather and type the following information for me. Rutherfords in Ark. in 1890 were:

1. .. ARCHIBALD HAMILTON RUTHERFORD, born SMITH COUNTY, TENN. Nov. 14, 1811 and died in GRANT CO. ARK. Dec. 9, 1888. Of Scotch ancestry, his forebears came to AMERICA prior to the Rev. War & settled in Goochland Co. Va. in 1747 ... His father, WILLIAM B. Rutherford, married Margaret M. Parrish, and in 1805, moved to SMITH CO. TENN. where he died in 1825, his widow died 1854. ARCHIBALD HAMILTON came to Ark. 1831, his bro. SAMUEL, came in 1817 ... where he lived, that is the former, for one year in Little Rock and moved to CLARK CO. WHERE he lived for seven years, engaging in the Mercantile business & reading law. In 1833 he was elected county judge and in 1835, clerk of the circuit court. In 1837 he was elected to the legislature & served a term. Admitted to the bar in 1838 & in 1841, was apptd. Depty Clerk of the U.S. Diet Court at Little Rock., a position which he held until 1845. From 1845 to 1846 he was the editor of the Arkansas Banner, the organ of the Democratic Party in Arkansas. In 1847 he went with his brother Samuel to the South-west Territory where SAMUEL had been apptd. Supt. of Indian Affairs, remaining there until 1849 when he removed to FORT SMITH. He engaged in the practice of law with Ben. T. Duval at Fort Smith until 1855. In 1854 he was elected STATE Treas. which office he held during 1855 & 1856. In 1854 he was apptd. by Gov. Conway as Supt. & Instructor of the State Penitentiary. Served as private Secretary to Gov. Conway & as acting Sect'y of State. In 1859 he was appointed Clerk of the U.S. Dist. Court for the Eastern District resigning in 1860. He was a states democrat of the Calhoun school & warmly & ably advocated the election of Breckenridge to the presidency in the memorable contest preceeding the War. At this time he was engaged in writing for the Arkansas True Democrat, a paper in which he had an interest, and at that time the ablest & most influential journal in the Southwest outside of New Orleans. In 1861 he was apptd. Confederate States receiver for the Eastern Dist. of Ark. an office of great responsibility & trust, which he held until the death of the Confederacy. During the war he removed his family to Texas but he himself remained in Arkansas to carry out his duties. He had two sons in the War, one a Surgeon & the other a member of the celebrated WOODRUFF'S Battery. After the war he had little to do with politics and devoted his time to farming. He was twice married. His first wife died in 1838 leaving two children, DR. RICHARD H. L. RUTHERFORD & Mrs. M. E. Rowland, of Alexander, Pulaski Co. Ark. His 2nd wife was MARY LEWIS, who died in Nov. 1854. leaving four children, two of whom are now living,(1889) E. P. RUTHERFORD, of CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS & C.L. RUTHERFORD, of CLARK CO. ARK.
His son, RICHARD H.L. RUTHERFORD, was born in CLARK CO. ARK. April 30, 1838 & was married in 1874 to Mary E. Stell, a native of PIKE CO., ARK. who was born April 30, 1858, the daughter of Armstrong A. & Emily Winfield Stell. Five children were born to this Union. four of whom are now (1889) living. CHARLES H., WILLIAM C., VERNA L. & STELL. Dr. Rutherford attended Cumberland College at Lebanon, Tenn. for three yrs. & from there went to Arkansas College, Fayetteville, now the Univ. of Ark. graduating there in 1856. He attended Medical college at NASHVILLE, TENN. in 1859-60 where he graduated as an M.D. in 1860. Upon his graduation he was apptd. to a responsible position in the Hospital Dept. of the Confederate Army, a position he held until the close of the War. At the the close of hostilities he returned to Clark Co. where he has remained engaged in farming & practice of medicine. At the presnet time he owns 200 acres of land, 40 of which are in cultigation.

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#2 ... JOSEPH R. RUTHERFORD, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, Born HIAWASSEE PURCHASE, now EAST TENN. on Feb. 24, 1826, son of JOHN M. & ALICE (YOUNG) RUTHERFORD. His father was born in NORTH CAROLINA, moved to TENN. as a young man & died in 1855. Joseph Rutherford wnet to MEXICO in 1848 & fought in the Mexican War, returning to East TENN. where he married in 1850. MISS LOUISA E. PIERCE. They had four children, ALFRED P. RUTHERFORD, LEWIS; LENORA (wife of Henry WIGHT) & MARY, wife of JOSEPH ENGLAND. His second wife was TENNESSEE P. SNODGRASS, & they also had four children --- ELIZABETH M., who married J.W. Hunton, William M., Simmie, who married ZACHERY THOMPSON & Fannie A. Who married J.P. FARLEY.

#3 ... ROBERT A. RUTHERFORD, PRES. of Elkins Mercantile & Mill Co. Washington Co., Ark. Born McMINN COUNTY, TENN. Sept. 17, 1830. Son of LARKIN & Frances (Hester) RUTHERFORD, who were born in SOUTH CAROLINA in 1799 and 1796 respectively. The father died in McMinn Co. Tenn. in 1854 and the mother in 1856. They had married in SOUTH CAROLINA & moved to TENN. shortly after the birth of ROBERT A. RUTHERFORD. NINE children were born to the Union, six of whom are now (1889) living - J.M. deceased; A.H. deceased; W. P. & C.H., fruit grower of Washington(MOSS.-Robert-A) Co., Robert A. & Elizabeth deceased; L.B.; Adaline, who married H.P. MOSS. Robert A. moved to Washington Co. in 1857. He was married May 3, 1885 to Lough MILLER, of Meigs Co. Tenn. & to date (1889) the union has been blessed with no children.

#4 ... SAMUEL M. RUTHERFORD, born Goochland Co. Va. in 1797. Samuel M. is a bro. of Archibald Hamilton Rutherford & his antecedents are given in the first sketch. Samuel joined the Army in 1814 & remained in New Orleans until 1817 at which time he sailed up the Miss. & Ark. rivers until he reached a point about four miles above Fort Gibson, where he established a Post for Trading with the Indians. He removed from there to Clark Co. Ark. & in 1819 he was elected the first sheriff of that county, serving from 1819 to 1823. He served as circuit clerk of Phillips County from 1823 to 1825 & from 1825 to 1830 as sheriff of Pulaski Co. He was apptd. Supt. of Indian affairs of the Southwest Territory in 1846 & served until 1849. He was elected the first representative from Sebastian Co. to the State Legislature in 1851 & was Co. Judge of that county 1854-1856. In 1857 was apptd. agent for the Seminole Indians, serving until 1861 at which time he retired. He died on his farm 1867.

ROBERT B. RUTHERFORD, son of SAMUEL M., above born Little Rock 1830. His mother was ELOISE (BEALE) RUTHERFORD. He graduated from the UNIV. of Ark. in 1854 & engaged in the practive of law in LaFayette County from 1857 to 1867, removing to FT. SMITH in the latter year. Served as Judge of the 12th Judicial Cirucit from 1882 to 1886 and has since that time been engaged in the practice of law in Sebastian County. His wife, SALLIE BUTLER, was born in SOUTH CAROLINA & they have the following children: SAMUEL M.; William B., _atty; Robert B., Raymond F., ; Jane G. who is m. to William B. SMITH; Emmalie Elsie & Ethelende BUTHLER RUTHERFORD. Mrs. Rutherford, is the dau. of Dr. William Butler, Congressman from South Carolina, in 1844, neice of the late Senator A. P. Butler, of South Carolina & niece of the late Gov. P. H. Butler, of South Carolina. She is a sister of General M.C. Butler, present U.S. Senator (1889) from SOUTH CAROLINA. She is also a niece of Commodores Mathew & Oliver HAZARD PERRY ; her mother being their sister.

End of Arkansas data from Mr. Poe.

RUTHERFORD

The data on Rutherford has been taken from the book "Genealogy of the Descendents of John Walker of Wigton, Scotland 1600-1902" compiled by Mrs. Emma Siggins White of Kansas City, Mo. and published in 1902 by the Tiernan-Dart Publishing Co.

The Amorial Colleges of Ireland, Scotland and England issue fourteen different Arms to families of Rutherford. The book on Walker has a color-plate of the Rutherford Arms for this particular family.

The Rev. SAMUEL RUTHERFORD, born in 1600 and died 20 March 1661 at the Village of Nisbet, Roxburgshire ... He gratuated from the University of Edinborough ... He married twice ... first to Euphemia Hamilton who died in 1630 ... He then married Jean McMath in 1630. By his wives he had nine children ... Samuel Houston who was early in Virginia stated that he was a direct descendent of the Rev. Samuel Rutherford and was named for him ... If this be true then one of the nine children of Samuel Rutherford was

1 JOHN RUTHERFORD, married ISABELLE ALLEINE, the daughter of the Rev. Joseph Allein ... John Rutherford removed from the River Tweed in Scotland to County Down in Ireland where he died in his 84th year. His wife died in her 82nd year .... Children
- Thomas Rutherford ... He died the day before he was to be married
- John Rutherford, married in Ireland .. had 4 children
- James Rutherford, " his cousin, and came to America
- Samuel Rutherford, died as a child ... his twin
- Allen Rutherford also died in childhood
- Elizabeth Rutherford married Hugh Hudson .. came to Maryland
- Esther Rutherford ... not further data on her
- Katherine Rutherford, married John Walker and came to America.

This list on page 1 in the book on Walker

2a son of #1
THOMAS RUTHERFORD, wed and resided in Ireland. He had four children as follows: ERROR ... THOMAS RUTHERFORD DIED ON HIS WEDDING DAY.

2 Son of #1
JOHN RUTHERFORD, JR. .. The name of his wife is unknown.
He and she died in Ireland ... They had four children:

Thomas Rutherford	John Rutherford
Esther Rutherford	Elizabeth Rutherford

These children are not traced in Walker book .. one came to America

3 Son of #1
JAMES RUTHERFORD, married his cousin, Margaret McMahan and settled in Virginia .. He had issue of:

Jane Rutherford	Samuel Rutherford .. born deaf.
Isabel Rutherford	

4 Daughter of #1
ELIZABETH RUTHERFORD, married Hugh Hudson and came to America, they settled in Virginia ... Error - settled in Maryland --- They had these Children:

John Hudson	Thomas Hudson
William Hudson	Margaret Hudson
Mary Hudson	Jane Hudson

None of these children traced further ... nor the children of James #3 are traced no further.

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5 Daughter of #1
KATHERINE RUTHERFORD, was married 7 Jan. 1702 to JOHN WALKER, the son of Jane McKnight and John Walker Sr. ... Soon after his marriage in Scotland John Walker moved to near Newry, Ireland. In 1726 John Walker and his family and with three children of his brother, Alexander Walker ... They landed in Chester Co. Pa 2 Aug. 1726 where they settled ... He died in September 1734 and his wife, Jane died in 1738 and both are buried at Nottingham, Meeting House ... Most of his family removed to Virginia and settled in what is now Rocbridge Co. Va. ... Children:

Elizabeth Walker, married John Campbell, moved to Va.
John Walker, m Ann Houston or Hudson
James Walker m Mary Guffy
Thomas Walker, died young
William Walker, died young
Jane Walker, m James Moore
Samuel Walker, m Jane Patterson
Alexander Walker, m Jane Hammer or Hummer
Esther Walker died young
Joseph Walker m 1, Nancy McClung, m2 Grizelda McCrosky
Mary Walker ... No proved data, but like Mary Walker who married 1. John Montgomery and m. 2. William Patterson and lived to be 104 years old.

As stated most of these came into Virginia

6 Daughter of #5
ELIZABETH WALKER married JOHN CAMPBELL ... She died in Virginia and he died in Kentucky ... They had nine children:

John Campbell .. died on boat enroute to America with his parents
Esther Campbell .. m Alexander McKinney
Mary Campbell .. m David Chambers
Rachel Campbell .. m Thomas Dobbins or Dobikins of Augusta Co. Va.
Elizabeth Campbell .. died young
Jane Campbell .. m. Alexander McPheeters
John Walker Campbell .. m. Martha Spears .... 1 adopted child
Elizabeth Campbell II .. m James Wallace.
Robert Campbell .. m. Rebecca Wallace

These Campbell children moved to Augusta Co. Va. area in 1744
The next migration of the Campbells was into Kentucky ... Tennessee ... The Carolina ... Only the descendents of one of the Campbells are treated in the Walker Book ... That is McPheeters.

7 Page #199
JANE WALKER, of Alabama was married 22 June 1807 to John Ritchie Inman ... They had 16 children ... One child was

Jane Inman .. m, 1 Thomas Ferguson, m2. George W. Woodruff
Elizabeth Inman .. m. 1. Joseph P. Woodruff, m 2. William Heathcock

7a Among the children of Joseph P. Woodruff and Elizabeth Inman was a daughter:
Mary Henrietta Woodruff, born 1851 and married in 1869 to WILLIAM H. WYATT born 1846, son of Matilda Wier and Gideon P. Wyatt, farmer and teacher in Wenton, Kansas ... Children were:
Francis Wyatt, born 1871 and single in 1902
Susie C. Wyatt, b. 1873 m Robert S. Armour, son of Jane Stewart and John Armour of Sedgwick Co. Kansas.

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Copied from Will bk.
ESSEX COUNTY APRIL the 18th: 1726. Pursuant ot an order of Court we the Subscribers being first Sworn do Inventory and appraise the Estate of ROBERT RETTERFORD, jr.: deceased as followeth Viz:

To one Young black horse	2"	10"	0
A parcell of wearing cloths	0"	12"	6
	3"	2"	6

411 lbs of tobacco his crop
John Retterford admr:

John Miller
Thos. Tharp
Robt. Parker

The above appraisement of the Estate of Robert Retterford jr.: deceased was returned to Essex County Court June 21st. 1725 and ordered to be recorded. Test. W. Beverley C. Cur.
Will Bk. 4, page 149. * * * * * *

Information gathered from letter to Miss Adelaide Willia, Mobile, Ala. First Circuit Court, DAVIDSON CO. NASHVILLE TENN. JUNE 8, 1931, A. G. Rutherford, Judge.
Alfred Granville Rutherford, father was JAMES WOOD RUTHERFORD
His father was; BENJAMIN RUTHERFORD and his father was JAMES WOOD RUTHERFORD: all of Sumner Col, Tenn.
James Wood Rutherford, was Lt. in Rev. War and his brother Griffith Rutherford, was a MAJOR GENERAL, in that war. Rutherford County, N.C. & also Rutherford Co. Tenn. were named in his honor.

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ARCHIBALD RUTHERFORD, enlisted in 1776 Va. Cont. Line; wife Elizabeth; married June 1782 in Virginia. Children:
ROBERT: CATHERINE: ARCHIBALD: STEPHEN: JOHN: All born before 1794.

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JULIUS RUTHERFORD: served in 1776 under Col. Jas. Wood. Had a brother Archibald Rutherford, in 10th Va. Regt. wife RHODA, married 70 yrs. before applying for pension. He died 1831. son Robert, many children with Jewish names, besides a William; John Joseph; etc., lived in Anderson Co. Va. or Tenn. or both.

Copied from Seawright - Richey, paper compiled by Leonardo Andrea, Candlemas Day, 1954

15 M-162 Anderson South Carolina
ROBERT WOODS and dower by his wife, Elizabeth Woods ... a deed sg. 7 Feb. 1815 to ANDREW RICHEY, of Abbeville Co. ... 200a on Hencoop Creek where Robert Woods lives in Anderson Co. /Wit. J. Wasson & Jane Brock.

ODDS & ENDS. by L. Andrea

Always when I do another Family I usually find some data on some former family I have done. I recently worked on the MORRIS Family and found some Rutherford data.

1 Charleston Co.
LEWIS MORRIS (Soldier in Rev.) Will sg. 21 Feb. 1820 pr. 6 Apr. 1824 .. wife Ann B. Morris . . . . . Children:

William Morris & Ex.
George Morris
Jacob Morris
SABINE, wife of ROBERT W. RUTHERFORD
Ann Morris
Lewis Morris, Jr. & Ex.
Richard Morris
Mary Morris
____Huger, deceased daughter
Grandchildren . . . Sabina Elliott Huger & Sarah Elliott Huger.

He owned plantation in Colleton Co. S. C. Morrisiana N. Y.
"My place in Columbia S.C. I will to my daughter SABINA RUTHERFORD." He mentions "My brother in law, John Rutherford in N.Y. State."
/Wit. John Dawson, Jr. George Peters & Henry Bartless

1a The widow, Mrs. Ann B. Morris in her will sg. 21 Jan. 1848 names all her children and includes "My grandson, JOHN RUTHERFORD, now in N.Y.C.

2. Charleston
GEORGE MORRIS, SR. Will sg. 8 Jan 1792 .. wife Rebecca Morris & Children
George Morris, Jr. — MARGARET, wife of WILLIAM WOOD
Mary Morris — Mary Morris
Exs.: James O'Hear & Thomas Ball
/Wit. Duncan Littlejohn, William Royall & William Smith Stevens.

3. Anderson Co. S.C.
JOHN MORRIS. Will sg. 27 April 1830 pr.; 6 March 1835 ... Wife. Lunah Morris ...
Children:
Margaret Cornelius — Jane Holley
Adam Morris 2 — Amos Morris
John Morris, Jr. — William Morris
James Morris & Ex. — David J. Morris & Ex.
"The two boys, Harvey and Frank, are to have an equal share between them." likely children of a deceased child. He mentions "JAMES WOOD, my cousin."
/Wit. A. J. Liddell, Mary Liddell & James G. Clark.
Comment
I wonder if this James Wood is a son of William Wood and his wife nee Margaret Morris in #2 ... That George Morris owned lands up in 96 Dist. (L. Andrea)

4. Columbia S.C.
The Richland Co. deeds were burned by Sherman ... Therefore no use to check to see what became of the land willed by Lewis Morris in #1 to his daughter Sabina, wife of Robert W. Rutherford.

5. Kershaw Co. S.C. ... HORTON for Mrs. Picras
SAMUEL JONES .. His will sg. 2 Feb. 1839 pr. 25 Jan 1847 No wife is listed ... she was dead .. He had three wives and he had children by each.
He drew a Rev. pension .. Children:
Burrell Jones — Edith, w. of Jesse Truesdale & Ex.
S Samuel Jones, Jr. — William Jones
John Jones; Hilton Jones; Seaborn Jones; Sarah Benton;
LYDIA HORTON and IBBY HORTON, children of deceased dtr. Elizabeth

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RUTHERFORD 1830 & 1840 Census, of Alabama. GANDRUD, copied)
Conecuh Co. none in 1840, have not copied 1830 (by Mrs. Jones Gandrud)
Henry Co. " " 1830 " " " 1840
I do not yet have 1830 or 1840 Autauga
" " " Pike
" ------- Conecuh
1840 Macon
" or " MONROE (have some but not all)
" " " Mobile
" " " Dale
" Henry

Lawrence Co. none either date
Bibb Co. " " "
Tuscaloosa Co. " " "

Jackson Co. 1840
James Rutherford, p. 17 1 male 5-10; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 20-30; 1 male 40-50; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 15-20; 1 fem 40-50.
1830
James Rutherford, p. 19 1 male under 5; 2males 5-10; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 30-40; 2 females under 5; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 30-40.

Madison Co., none either date
Limestone Co. " " "
St. Clair Co. " " "

WALKER CO. None in 1830;
1840
ISAAC H. RUTHERFORD, p.8 1 male 2030; 2 females under 5; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 20-30
THOMAS RUTHERFORD, p.11 1 male under 5; 1 male 20-30; 1 female under 5; 1 female 20-30.

Jefferson Co. none either date
Sumter Co. none in 1840 (there is no 1830)
Marshall Co. " " " " " " "
Marengo Co. none either date

BLOUNT CO. 1830
JOSEPH RUTHERFORD, p 1; 1 male 5-10; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 30-40; 1 female under 5; 2 females 5-10
THOMAS RUTHERFORD, p.10 2 males 20-30; 1 male 50-60; 1 female under 5; 1 female 5-10 1 female 10-15; 1 female 15-20; 1 female 50-60.
JOHN RUTHERFORD, p.23 1 male under 5; 1 male 30-40; 1 female under 5; 1 female under 5-10; 1 female 30-40
WILLIAM RUTHERFORD p.11 2 males under 5; 1 male 5-10; 1 male 30-40; 1 female under 5; 2 female 5-10; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 20-30
1840 Census
JOHN RUTHERFORD, p.1 5 males under 5; 1 male 10-15; 4 males 30-40; 1 female 5-10; 1 female 20-30; 1 female 30-40
THOS. RUTHERFORD, p.2 1 male 60-70; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 50-60
JAMES RUTHERFORD, next to him; 1 male under 5; 1 male 5-10; 1 male 20-30; 2 females under 5; 1 female 15-20.
W. RUTHERFORD, p.28 2 males 5-10; 1 male 30-40; 2 females 5-10; 2 females 15-20.

Morgan Co. none either date
Pickens Co. " " "
Shelby Co. " " "
Fayette Co. " " "

FRANKLIN CO. 1830
SAML . C. RUTHERFORD, blank
BENJN. T. RUTHERFORD, p.29 1 male 50-60; 1 female under 5; 1 female 5-10; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 15-20; 1 female 30-40
NONE IN 1840

Marion Co. none either date
Randolph Co. none in 1840 (no 1830 census)
Coosa Co. " " " " " "
Clarke Co. none in either date

RUSSELL COUNTY 1840 (there is no 1830 census.)
T(or F?) S. Rutherford, P. 17, 1 male 20-30; 1 female 15-20
JOHN RUTHERFORD, P. 30, 1 male 40-50.

DALLAS CO. 1830
MAX. RUTHERFORD, p. 12 1 male under 5; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 30-40; 1 female 20-30
WM. RUTHERFORD, p. 31 1 male 5-10; 1 male 10-15; 1 male 40-50; 2 female under 5;
2 female 5-10; 1 female 30-40
PHOEDRAS RUTHERFORD, p. 39 3 males 20-30
1840 census
WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, p. 11 1 male 15-20; 2 males 20-30; 1 male 50-60; 1 female under 5;
1 female 10-15; 1 female 20-30; 1 female 40-50.

GREENE CO. 1840; none in 1830
JAS. RUTHERFORD, p. 30 1 male-5; 1 male 5-10; 2 males 10-15; 1 male 30-40; 1female 10-15;
1 female 30-40

BENTON CO. (now called Calhoun 1840) (there is no 1830)
JAMES ? RUTHERFORD. p3 1 male 10-15; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 40-50; 1 female 10-15;
1 female 15-20; 1 female 40-50; 1 female 70-80;
(writing very dim and faded - copied the best I could)
JOHN RUTHERFORD, p. 64 1 male 20-30

WILCOX COUNTY 1830 (none in 1840)
ROBERT RUTHERFORD, p. 13 1 male under 5; 1 male 5-10; 1 male 20-30; 1 male 30-40;
1 female under 5; 1 female 10-15; 1 female 20-30

BUTLER CO. 1840; (none in 1830)
MAX. RUTHERFORD, p. 4 1 male under 5; 1 male 15-20; 1 male 40-50;
no females shown

Covington Co. none either date
Tallapoosa Co. none in 1840 (no 1830 census)
Washington Co. none either date
Chambers Co. none in 1840 (no 1830 census)
DEKALB CO. " " " " " "
Baldwin Co. none in either year
Barbour Co. none in 1840 (there is no 1830)
Cherokee Co. " " " " " " "
Lauderdale Co. none either year
Montgomery Co. " " " " " " "

PERRY CO. 1830
MOSES REATHERFORD p. 28, 2 males under 5; 2 males 5-10; 1 male 20-30; 1 female 20-30
I haven't finished copying 1840 Perry, have about 12 more pages to do.

LOWNDES CO. 1840
ROBERT RUTHERFORD p. 14 1 male under 5; 1 male 30-40; 1 female under 5; 1 female 5-10;
1 female 15-20; 1 female 20-30;
Have 2 more pages to do; none in 1830 census.

Loundes Co. Ala. 1840 Census
ROBERT RUTHERFORD p. 14 1 male under 5; 1 male 30-40; 1 female under 5; 1 female 5-10
1 female 15-20; 1 female 20-30
A. J. RUTHERFORD p. 23 1 male 20-30; 1 female under 5; 1 female 15-20;

MONROE COUNTY, ALABAMA 1850 Census
RATHERFORD, Mary 55 S. C. (widow of Robert Rutherford)
John 24 Ala. (JOHN JOHNSON RUTHERFORD)
Mary 22 Ala. (WILLIAM MILLER RUTHERFORD, my grandfather had gone to work on steamboats.)(S.R.P.)
(The above ages are not right according to Bible records.) (S.R.P.)

La uderdale Co. Dist. #1
Family #856
Rutherford, F(riend)S. 30 N.Y. Lawyer married during the yr.
Letitia 20 Ala.
living with her mother. Letitia Vandyke, (Campbell)Sloss.

Lawrence Co. 8th dist.
Family # 327 Rutherford, William G. 22 Tenn. farming
Nancy 25 Ala.

" 581. Rutherford, David 37 Tenn. farming
Malinda 34 "
Crockett 12 "
Manda 10 "
Caladonia 8 "
John 7 "
Sarah 5 "
David 3 "
Thomas 1 "
#391, RETHERFORD, GRIFFIN 49 S. C. Farming
Elizabeth 42 Tenn.
John 25 " none idiotic
James 19 "
David 16 " labouring
Thomas 13 "
Mary 7 Ala.
Nancy 4 "
James 44 S.C. Farming
Griffin Rutherford, married in Lauderdale Co. Ala. Dec. 24, 1823
Elizabeth Dobbins.

Jefferson Co. Elyton beat. Family # 45
RUTHERFORD, MELINDA 38 SC
Thomas J. 15 Ala.
Wm. 13 "
(She was widow of Thomas Jefferson Rutherford, m 1832, and duaghter of James Massey.)

LOWNDES CO. LOWNDES DIST.
Family # 130.
RUTHERFORD, JANE 14 N.C.
William 12 Ala.
Martha A. 6 "
living with John Werlum?

Madison Co. 35th dist.
Family # 39, RETHERFORD, JAMES H. 16 Tenn. living with James H. Gregory & Wife Ind.
(she was aged 21 b. Tenn.) James H. Gregory m. in
Madison Co. Ala. Jan 20, 1848 Miss Indiana Rutherford),

#524 * RETHERFORD, SUSAN E. 46 N.C.
Mary J. 17 Tenn.
Elvina or
Elvira A. 11 Tenn.
Susan was dau. of Moses & Ann Vincent & widow of James E. Rutherford. Elvira (as name appears on tombstone) was wife of D.S. Nowlin.

#541 - RETHERFORD, ALFRED 25 Tenn. Grocer keeping
Julia 27 Ala.
living with Thos. V. Province. Also in this family:
Homes, D.K. 38 Ky. house carpenter
A_-_dline 21 Tenn.
(Daniel K. Holmes married 11 Nov. 1846 Virginia A.A. Rutherford)
Alfred A. Rutherford " 29 June, 1848 Julia F. Connally, dau. of Jno. W.

Limestone co. Dist. 4
#209 - RUTHERFORD, ANDREW M. 25 Ala.
Eliza 56 Tenn.
Sarah Ann 22 Ala.
Cybthia J. 20 "
George K. 18 "
Eliza A. 16 " farmer
Mary Jane 16 "
Samuel F. 23 " "

#624 - RUTHERFORD, LEROY 40 S.C. farmer
Malinda 39 Va.
Martha M. 17 Tenn.
Wm. J. 12 Ala.
Nancy Ann 11 "
James N. 9 "
Sarah E. 7 "
Mary J. 5 "
Emily D. 3 "
Malinda F. 1 "

Franklin Co. dist. 5
#953 - RUTHERFORD, FRIEND 30 N.Y. Attorney
Laticia 24 Ala.
(same couple that was in Lauderdale co. with her mother Mrs. Sloss)
#947 - RUTHERFORD, GEORGE 22 N.Y. Attorney
Living with Cooper family, boarding. He must be brother of Friend Rutherford.

Dallas co. Selma Beat.
#1048 RUTHERFORD, ELLEN 55 Ga.
Owen's History says she was widow of Wm. Rutherford, who died 1845 or 1844. She was nee Elendor Pinson, dau. of Elizabeth.
In same family were: NORRIS, WILLIAM JEFFERSON 42 Ga. merchant
Rebecca (Louisiana) 29 Ala.
Thomas 9 "
Ada 6 "
Franklin 3 yrs. & Lela 1 yrs. Ala.
Owen's History & also Register of Students of Univ. of Ala. says that Wm. J. Norris married Oct. 26, 1837 Rebecca L. Rutherford, dau. of Wm. & Eleanor (Pinson) Rutherford; grandaughter of THOS. B. RUTHERFORD.

BARBOUR CO. DIV #23
#116 - RUTHERFORD, GEORGE W.T. 24 Ga. farmer
Sarah 21 "
Mary 1 Ala.
Robert 3 mos. Alabama
#1050 RUTHERFORD, PATRICK H. 27 Ala. farmer
Ann 22 Fla.
Louisa 1 Ala.
#2353 RUTHERFORD, PATRICK H. 30 Ga. farmer
Ann 20 Ga.
Elizabeth 1 Ala.
(Same family as above, with different variations - ages & birthplaces different, but undoubtedly the same family.)

JACKSON CO. DIST. 19
#500 - RUTHERFORD, WM. 40 Tenn. farmer
Sarah 28 Ala.
JULIA 10 "
NANCY 7 "
Sarah 6 "
Francis 5 "
James 2 "
Joseph 1 month Ala.
#502 - RUTHERFORD, JAMES 68 Va. farmer
Susan 61 N.C.
Archibald 33 Ala. "
Clabourn 31 " "
Marion 30 " "
Joseph 19 " "
Sarah 28 "
Nancy 24 "
George 16 " farmer

Talladega Co.
1586 - GRAY, STEPHEN S. 45 Ga. Farmer
Salina 42 S.C.
RUTHERFORD, JANE 12 Ga.

WALKER CO., 12th Dist.
#158 - RUTHERFORD, THOMAS 32 Ala. farmer
Elizabeth 32 "
Archibald 12 "
Mary C. 10 "
Celia E. 8 "
Caleb T. 7 "
Oma. S. 3 "
Joseph B.T. 1 "
#279 - RETHERFORD, SARAH 35 S.C. spinster (think he meant widow, as he used this term repeatedly when it looked like it should be widow.)
Celia 14 Ala.
Nancy 11 "
Martha 8 "
Joseph 6 "

Tallapoosa Co.
#823 - RUTHERFORD, RICHARD 24 Ga.
Jemima J. 21 "

Perry CO. Old Town Beat.
#12 RUTHERFORD, THOMAS J. 29 Ala. farmer
Mary A. 23 S.C.

Russell Co.

#368,	RUTHERFORD, JOHN	50 Ga.	farming
	Lucy	26 "	
	Elizabeth	9 Ala.	
	Georgia A.	7 "	
	Elis	5 "	
	James	3 "	
	John	1 "	

Butler Co. Beat #1. Family

RUTHERFORD, FRANK	24 Ala.	farmer
Abigail	21 "	
Wm.	2 "	
Melinda	1 "	

BLOUNT CO. 17th sub div.

# 75	Whittaker, B.F.	45 S.C.	Carpenter
	Lucinda	25 Ala.	
	Robt.	15 Ga.	farmer
	Assenath	8 Ala.	
	Hugh	6 Ala.	
	James	4 "	
	Samuel	2 "	
	RUTHERFORD, PRUDENCE	18 Ala.	

Family # 521

RUTHERFORD, JOHN	50 Tenn.	farmer
Thursey	45 Ga.	
Selah	20 Ala.	
James	17 "	
Joseph	14 "	
Henry	12 "	
Ira E.	10 "	
Louiza	8 "	
Clark	6 "	
Nancy	5 "	
Martha	2 "	

#523	RUTHERFORD, PRUDENCE	30 N.C.	
	Martha	18 Ala.	

(She may have been the widow of THOMAS RUTHERFORD)

#701	RUTHERFORD, WILLIAM	55 Tenn.	Captr.
	Mary	30 S.C.	
	James	19 Ala.	farmer
	Matilda	6 "	
	Fanny	4 "	
	William	3 "	
	Mahulda	5 months, Ala.	

#705	RUTHERFORD, JAMES	35 Ala.	farmer
	Nancy	28 "	
	Sarah	15 "	
	Jefferson	13 "	
	Salisa (fem.)	11 "	
	John	9 "	
	Isabell	7 "	
	Lorenda	5 "	
	[illegible]	[illegible] "	
	[illegible]	1[illegible] "	

There were no Rutherfords in 1850 Census of the following counties: Macon, Montgomery, [illegible], Morgan, Marengo, Hancock (Winston), Greene, Gibb, DeKalb, Dale, Marion, Chambers, Benton (Calhoun), Coosa, Fayette, Henry, Cherokee, Choctaw, Autauga, Conecuh, Coffee, Covington, Clarke, Tuscaloosa, Pickens, Sumter, Shelby, Randolph, Washington, Pike, Wilcox, and St. Clair.

This concludes 1850 Census in all counties except MOBILE & BALDWIN, which I have never copied. I may be able to get those sometime. Mrs. B. J. Gandrud.

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from Mrs Thomas D. Hendrix, 408 Dunbar St. Jackson 6, Miss. Nove. 21, 1954 Miss. Court Records 1799-1859 shows.
JOHN RUTHERFORD, JR. as adm. of estate of WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, in Amite Co. Miss. in 1828.

In TIPPAH COUNTY in 1851, George GRAY, adm. est., of SAMUEL RUTHERFORD, sues Levi Roden & Wife Elizabeth, who were administrators of the estate of Elizabeth's first husband WILLIAM J. RUTHERFORD.

page 1. sent to SRP by CRB.

COPIED FROM EACH OF KODAK PICTURES SENT TO HER BY FRANCES DANIELS 1(1956)

1 Belle Vue- near Shepherdstown, W.Virginia, owned by Mrs Minnie Shepherd Ringgold, nee Reinhart, granddaughter of Hon. Thomas Van Swearingen, who was born here. Also son of Thomas Van Swearingen and Julia Lane Swearingen. Col. Joseph Van Swearingen built this.
Judge Thomas Van Swearingen, our Gr.Gr.Grandfather. Picture of house.

2 Near Stone House Van's home- Rebecca Swearingen and Joseph were first cousins. Rebeka died 1781. age 26 yrs.mo. 21 days.
Our Col. Joseph Van Swearingen was born in 1754. His wife Hannah Rutherford, born 1752. Hezikah, and Joseph, brothers and also were brothers of Rebecca, either Hezekiah or Josiah one married Rebecca Turner. Hezikay was born 1747, d. 1817. Picture of Rebecca's tombstone.

3 This is a large place- near of STONE HOUSE, Van Swearingen's home and probably Thomas and Lydia Van Swearingen's before him. "Maple Shade" or "Mansion Seat." A Van Swearingen farm now owned by Mrs Hendricks and her son Dr. Hendricks. Possibly belonging to the father, Thomas, born 1688, died after 1734- and Lydia Riley born 1691, died 1764 and willed to VAN while the Belle Vue farm was willed to Thomas, of the Ferry. Home of Josiah, b. 1744, Hezikay, b. 1747; SUSAN, m. Wm. BENNETT, :Rebekah, b.1755 d 1781. Thomas, DRUSILLA married THOMAS RUTHERFORD: Peggy, dau.of Priscilla Metcalf. Beautiful place.

4 "abandoned, of course- Lower House near the Potomac.
Possibly the house built for Josiah by Van Swearingen, because the son was so homesick for the water. Brick below, log 2nd story. (All covered with clapboard now) Basement, fireplace in each room Hughe one in kitchen. Loft above kitchen for slaves, Old Cemetery with stone wall on the farm. Possibly early home of Josiah and Phoebe Swangerin parents of Eleanor Swearingen, who married Thomas Worthington, early Gov. of Ohio.

5 Picture of square tomb-stone- with In Memory of Phoebe Swearingen Born 1757.d. 1786. Near Stone house.

6 ROBERT RUTHERFORD's House "Flowing Spring" burned. He lies here in an inmarked grave. A Great Patriot.
This picture is a beautiful view and was taken by Ralph Thompson, near Shepherdstown, May 30th, 1955.

7 Another STONE - to the memory of Margaret Swearingen consort of James H. Swearingen who departed this life July 24,1842. aged 17 years 4 months, and a beautiful verse, this stone is near Lower House.

8 Joseph Swearingen, was Captain at end of Revolution, and Colonel, later, married [illegible] RUTHERFORD, born 1752- married 1783.

52- Tyler's Quar. Hist. & Gen. Mag. Vol #. Thomas Swearingen, Jr. 1786- Vol. # .97551 t 971 V.3. Joseph, father of Thomas. Berkley County, Virginia, dated Feb. 18,1780 proved Mar.21, 1780, names wife [illegible] and Sarah Bennett, my sister's daughters. EXS. Col. Van Swearingen; Capt. Josiah and Hezikah, and THOMAS RUTHERFORD, and Hannah Swearingen. Witness THOMAS RUTHERFORD: ROBERT RUTHERFORD, JR: BENJAMIN RUTHERFORD.

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OTHER DATA COPIED FROM DANIEL'S NOTE BOOK, MARCH 31, 1956.

WISH PROOF of whose daughter HANNAH RUTHERFORD was, some xxy give as daughter of ROBERT.

THOMAS and ROBERT RUTHERFORD, were close associates of THOMAS SWEARINGEN and all were first Vestrymen of EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Some give that THOMAS and ROBERT RUTHERFORD, first lived in BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, and followed into Valley of Virginia, settling near Bullskin. (This has to be proven-crb.)

THOMAS RUTHERFORD and kin were members of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Churchville, of Southamton Twp. ROBERT went to Fredericktown, Winchester and was living there in 1752.

See early records of Hampshire Co. by Clare & Jones Sage.(Check)

Author- Rosewell Page, Ed. "RUTHERFORD FAMILY".- in his University of Virginia 1904, Vol. 1. pg. 376 (Not checked.) (Check)

THOMAS RUTHERFORD, born 1729-- Robert Rutherford, b. 1728, d.1803. brothers. THOMAS, was married and had FOUR CHILDREN, no five. He died when they were young, and Robert was made their guardian. He had three sons and a daughter, perhaps others. Still state both THOMAS and ROBERT came from BUCKS COUNTY, PA. (WISH PROOF. CRB.)

Thomas Rutherford sat in Gen. Assembly from Hampshire Co. Va.1761-65..
BEDINGER- Robert Rutherford, d. 1803, b. 1728. Caroline Co. died Jefferson Co. W.Va., SEE Appletons Encyclopedia of AMER. Biography, Vol.3, pg. 55 for THOMAS RUTHERFORD.

SEE: Hist. of Va. Vol.11 R 9755 H 629 State Libra. Early records of Hampshire Co. Charles Smith- by Sage R.9293 W 5 M 20

THOMAS RUTHERFORD, Thomas and Van Swearingen, Samuel Washington appointed justice for nameless village finally called MARTINSBURG, VA. now West Virginia. They met first in the Edward Beeson House 5-19-1772.

1752- Thos. & Van Swearingen were elected with ten other personable and discreet, to serve as Vestrymen for the Parish Episcopay Church in Old Frederick County, Virginia.
1764- Thos. & Van Swearingen; Jacob Hite and THOMAS RUTHERFORD were Vestrymen for above Church.

POTOMAC LANDINGS
THOS. RUTHERFORD, Samuel Washington, Thomas and Van Swearingen.
Thos. & Van Swearingen, among very first emigrants to Berkley Co. they with James Strode, were ordered by Court to contract lowest bidder for court house and goal. Court ordered walls be made circular, they ran into difficulties and they were changed to square.

CRB.

page 3... DANIEL's notes continued. (copied by C.P.B.)
Book on either Joh or Jermiah Morrow says- HANNAH ,4th daughter of ROBERT RUTHERFORD, married nephew of John Morrow- Robert Rutherford married 1853- Hannah born 1752.

JOHN RUTHERFORD---Atty Gov. of Virginia, name spelled with two oo's ,born in Richmond, Va. Dec. 1792, son of THOMAS RUTHERFORD distinguished merchant and able political writer. (Now whose son was this Thomas ,and he did not come to Richmond until much later than the early "R's" ?? CRB.))

BENJAMIN RUTHERFORD and wife Elizabeth- wish her maiden name?

Early records HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, VA. 1775-71 Chas.Smith-Va Sage
R 9293 W 5 H 25.
1767- Benjamin Rutherford, jr., Lord Fairfax
1769- Robert aczuired land from Wm. Bills- John Brown.
1756 Robert Rutherford- Rangers were defeated.
1757- Sept. George Washington wrote or said to some one "Rutherford not back yet."
Robert Rutherford- Samuel Worthington,jr. and wife Elizabeth
(Could Elizabeth,wife of Benjamin Rutherford have been a Worthington.??)
Gov. John Rutherford, son of THOMAS RUTHERFORD, born in Scotland 1760 came to Richmond 1784., died 1839, married Sally,dau. of Geddes Winston, in 1790. Their son John, born 1792. d.died 1866.
(now the question is whose son was THOMAS, since he was born in Scotland and die not come to Va. until 1784, so this proves some of data which has been given is wrong- CRB.) CHECK dates which prove my statement.)

Check- Archives- Penn,;Maryland; Virginia; Kentucky; and Census 1790 regarding pension records- Warner. Lane-Gov. Edwards 1809.
Find WARNER genealogy.

SEE- Frederick Co. Md.;Jefferson Co., Va.;Talbot Co., Berkley Co., Orange Co.; & Lexington Ky.

JOHN RUTHERFORD, married Isabella Warner ,of Warner Hall 1635.
his cousin. John ,was born 1635.
Col. John Rutherford, born 1669 d. 1725 ,member of Royal Council, Judge Superior Ct. married his cousin Elizabeth Warner,dau of Augustine Warner (11)speaker Va. House of Burgess, wife Mildred, dau. of Capt. George Read or Reader (qv)

John Rutherford, b. 1708 Goochland Co., Virginia, married dau. of Adm. John Addison.
SEE: Abridged Compen. Early American Families- O W V Robert Rutherford Vol. 1- page 33.
Robert Rutherford, b. 1728 arrroed the widow of Gen. Howe,who was killed in battle in 1758. History says it was a typographical ERROR in copying date of marriage of Robert Rutherford and Mary Howe as 9-13-1753-(so to prove this. crb.)

Carilla Rutherford Hardsher. California.

page # 4 DANIEL's notes. copied by CRF. to SRP.
REF: RUTHERFORD- Douglas Peerage- Chambers Biography of dist. Scotsman, Old merchants of N.Y. and farily record, also Walter Scott's Rutherfords.

Col. Robert Rutherford, born 1734- april- on Nottoway River, Va.

2nd. son THOMAS settled in North Carolina.

Griffith Rutherford,parents were from WALES and drowned on their way to America, leaving a young son (Griffith) who was reared by a family in Virginia.

Tyler's Quarterly (3) Berkley Co. W.Va. pg. 50-51 accounts current estate of Robert Rutherford, by wife Elizabeth, examined and reported by 2-16-1795- Joseph Swearingen. Mentions dau. Hannah.

Jefferson Historical Soc. Moore- House of Thomas Fountain Locke, old Rutherford house burned in Cival War. P.M. "Fruit Hill" part of Shepherdstown- Thomas Rutherford.

John Morrow- Repr. 10th Dist. from Virginia 1807-09

Thomas C. Worthington 19th Cong. from Maryland- Frederick

John T.H Worthington- rep 22nd.
Book O W V Libra- see Warner- this Cyrus Wilson ,physician, B. Newman, Ill. 1875, son of THOMAS RUTHERFORD,farmer and SARAH Zimmerman- issue; Austine Douglas, 2nd son, Gen.practice , Newman, Ill.
Abrigded Comp. Gen. Goldsborough, Edmund Lee born Va. 1868, 6th gen.
HUGH RUTHERFORD & Sarah d'Montairgis ; 5th generation
Robert Rutherford & Mrs Howe- of House Burgess,1775-76
Emily Meiby Capp, born 1892, Lebanon, Pa. m. 1918.
Rev. soldier Henry Bedinger
Goldsborough B. Leeland, Shepherdstown, 1880.

Thomas Rutherford Moore, and other Rutherfords are buried on George Zinn farm early in 1800 ' Charlestown, West Va.

Mrs J.M. Miller,400 block S. Samuel St. Charlestown, about ZINN burial ground on Howell Brown Rd. Harpers Ferry Pike.
John Rutherford had land near south Pulaski, S.W. of Salem.

Patsy Manning went in D.A.R. on Jacob Manning, Jr.,Mary Drake married 1st. RUTHERFORD; 2nd. MANNING.

Thomas Rutherford, b. Southampton Co., Cartmells Hist. p.291 ,1755-
Thomas Rutherford, sick.

James Wood founder of Frederick Co. Va. ,His daughter Mary,married CAPT. THOMAS RUTHERFORD. Both living in ORANGE CO. , 1738.

Children of Col. Woods: ; Elizabeth b. 1739;
James, b. 1741;
Mary , b. 1742;
John, b.1743;
Robert, b. 1747.

CRF. (recopied srp)
April, [illegible].)

page 5.... DANIEL's notes continued. (C.F.B.) srp...
JAMES WOOD- deed to BENJAMIN RUTHERFORD, 1754, 350 acres.S.S.Wood's
127 a River 300 a pr. bro-in-law James Wood.
John Rutherford, deed 1754- 127 acres.
Grants 550- 51 Brown to THOS. RUTHERFORD,merchant agt.
for court record 271- WILLIAM RUTHERFORD.
W.Frontier below mts in Virginia- Cub Creek was WILLIAM RUTHERFORD.

Rutherfords buried old Jefferson Church, Charlestown and Martinsburg.

Letter July 28, 1955 from Pulaski, Va. Box 448
Dear Mrs Daniels:
This county is rather a new county and was not formed until 1839, being formed from parts of Wythe and Montgomery, there-fore no records are here prior to that date. Montgomery Co. was formed in 1776 and prior to that time all this area was Augusta and Boutertourt Counties.

As to the Rutherford family; no one of that name has lived in this County in the past sixty years. There is a farily of RUTHERFORDS that live in Bristol, Va. and did operate a freight truck line, also there was a family with that name who was Supt.of the iron furnaces in Bristol in 1905 to 1915 and I imagine some of them are still there. Also Rutherfords are in Roanoke county which is about 60 miles east of here.
I am very sorry that I am unable to give you any information that you want as I realize what a hopeless situation you find yourself in when trying to trace ancestors from incomplete and scattered documents
Wishing you the best of luck in your hunting, Sincerely,
E.P.Whitman.

From Daniels ,to Camilla Bardshar, Mar. 19, 1956.
Dear Camilla:
The Morgan Chart is so revealing and I am delighted to have it. Possibly the copy enclosed will save you some work and make it possible for you to always have one in your possession. My sister Marion Cottingham and my brother's wife Mary, made six copies. So now I am equiped to bargain with some Genealogist for possible Rutherford lineage. I looked thru several Rutherford lines in the Congressional Library and found nothing that I thought I wanted. I could have been in too much of a hurry . Each time when in Washington at the D.A.R. library I tried to get the Rutherford lineage, but it was still at the bindery. If I can find the time on our trip in May to Shepherdstown to go to the Library I'll ask for the Rutherford lineage once more. I'll also write to Mrs Dole in Columbus who has done the Circelville and Chillicothe Co.,Pa. down to Bullskin then to Winchester. Yes these Robert and Thomases are really a puzzle.
(well the Bullskin is name of little settlement right there in Clarke County, not far from Winchester, so think Mrs.Dole might be wrong. crb.))

C.F.B.

6-- letter from Daniels cont'd. (crb.)srp.)

While we are in Shepherdstown in May I hope to get more light on some of these problems. In the later part of May about the 25th, Ralph and I are going to make a quick trip to Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Maybe Oklahoma,to visit some elderly cousins, some new- found cousins and some old friends. Also try to find out where my grandfather Freeman died and is buried; also to find the grave of my gr. gr. mother Elmira Warner Van Swearingen. We want to go before it is too warm and around a holiday so that our business will not suffer. We expect to be in Denver for a short time. Would it be possible that you might have friends that would be driving that way so that you might ride along-(boy wouldn't I enjoy doing just that?)) I have several old pictures of the family that I wish to have identified and it will be good to see my mother's cousins whom I knew long years ago.
The cousins in Shepherdstown are so well acquainted with Robert Rutherford, of Flowing Springs history and an elderly lady ninety years, Miss Helen Pendleton seemed to remember something about THOMAS Rutherford. I shall write her immediately hoping she has remembered something that will direct me to HANNAH.
Robert,of Flowing Springs, b. 1728 died 1803, member of the convention at Williamsburg in 1775, from Berkley Co., On committee to reply to Lord Dunmore's Proclomation. Born in Caroline Co., Va. died in Jefferson co. He married the widow of Gen. Howe, date given 1753, which should be corrected. This Robert was the brother of THOMAS,born 1729. Both sons of Thomas Hugh, high sheriff of Winchester, Va.- Frederick co.,And that would make Robert deputy at 16 and not too far getched because they all matured early in those days. THOMAS was very ill in 1755. On History stated that Robert was made guardian of his children. Robert lost everything in the Rev. but he was careless about payment on a large tract of land between Charlestown and Shepherdstown.
This is a messy letter but must close. Will write again when I have more to say, Best wishes- Frances.
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The following was sent to me by Mrs Camilla Rutherford Bardshar, 1956.

RUTHERFORD FAMILY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Rutherford brothers of Scotland several in 1689 joined ARMY of WILLIAM the THIRD when he invaded IRELAND. and were in Battle of BOYNE: Two were Company Officers and the third was a PRESBYTERIAN CLERGYMAN, and all remained , One on the IRELAND in County TYRONE, one in County Down ,Ireland, and one in County of MONAGHAN, The Presby. minister.

Several of the sons of these three men, emigrated to AMERICA between 1720-1730, and among them ; THOMAS RUTHERFORD the progenitor of the family of PAXTANG, PA... The lady, who later became his wife , JEAN MORDAH, just before leaving IRELAND with parents to come to America, accepted his proposal but she not yet 16 years, was not to remain but forced to come to America. On the cover of his note book is the inscription

"Enquire for Donnygall."

which is well preserved in family to this day. This was the location of "MORDAH in Pa.". The following year 1729 Thomas Rutherford appeared in person at their door and claimed his JEAN , but Mr. Mordah decided to make them wait, requiring Thomas to have certain sum of money in his possession to begin with, so THOMAS took his leave for PHIL. PA. When he returned he was mounted on a good horse and had documents to satisfy Mr. Mordah, and thus they were married in 1730, and lived in DONEGAL until after death of John Mordah.In 1744, ~~xxx175x~~. Moved to DERRY and in 1755 to PAXTANG ,PA. for rest of days.

THOMAS, born . 6-24-1707 County TYRONE - died 4-18-1777
Jean Mordah,(dau. of John Mordah & Agnes,)b. 4/5/1712.~~xxxx~~
county TYRONE, d. 8/10/1789

Children: born DONEGAL, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA...

1** AGNES ,b. 7/9/1731/35 married 9/14/1740 , Mr. Wm. Gray
2.. Eleanor b. 1/16/1733 married (1) Mr. Wilson
" (2) Jno. Davidson
3..Jean, b. 6-22-1734, m. Thos. Mayes
4..John, b. 2/16/1737, m. Margaret Parks
5..Thomas, b. 8/14/1738/ died 1739
6..William ,b. (no # 6 listed.) but D.A.R. records show son Wm.)
7..THOMAS , b. 2/14/1743 / 60 , m. Paxtang. (don't know what (60 means.)
8 .Mary ,b. 2-18-1745, married Andrew Mayes.
9..Elizabeth,born 2/18/1745 , died unmarried
10.. James, born 8/27/1740/09, married Margaret Brisban-no issue.
11..Samuel , " 12/13/1749, M Susan Collier.
12.. Elizabeth, born 2/27/1752, married (1st.)Patrick Galloway
(2nd)Patric Harbison
(3) Thomas Archibald.

Rev. John Rutherford, of Scotland, moved to County Down,Ireland.where he died in his 84th year. married in IRELAND ,Isabella Albrine, dau. of Rev. Joseph Albrine, the author of " Albrine Alarm and the Unconverted." He was Vicar of St. Magdalens, Taeniton, England. 1643/62.

KATHERINE RUTHERFORD, born. Scotland, d. 1738 near Nottingham, Mrg. Hs. Chester Co., Pa., married John Walker, 1-7-1702 of Wigton, Scotland.

Above Record sent by Nell Downing Norton, New London, Mo..

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page #2. of -Thomas & Jean Mordah Rutherford, Scotland. data from CRB.

RUTHERFORD, THOMAS , 1766/52. , born in Scotland.
Entered Courting House of Hawkesly & Rutherford, DUBLIN,IRELAND. AND WAS sent to VIRGINIA, in charge of three Vessels in 1784.
Established a warehouse at RICHMOND. VA., . Returned to DUBLIN in 1788 and became a partner in the firm. Returned to Richmond ,Va. 1789. Was in the shipping and milling business. Married SARAH WINSTON.

Col. John (Thos. & Sarah) 1792.66 of Richmond,
Capt. & Col. of Richmond Fayette Arty. Va., House of Delegates.
Lt. Gov. of Va. . ,;Gov. Va. 1841. ,married EMILY ANN COLES. 1796/71.
(VIRKUS VII /pg.374

SUSANNA RUTHERFORD, born 11/23/1756, died 5/8/1829 ,dau. of Hon Robert Rutherford. Member 1st. U.S. Congress of Va. 1793-97.etc.t 1780 rec'd privelege by Act of assembly to build a house on his lot #49 in WINCHESTER, VA., on the Commons (HXII/227)etc..,
SUSANNA ,married John Peyton,Jr. 1780,who was owner of said lot 49.

RUTHERFORD, JOHN ,married 1/21/1818, by Wm. Hill
Mary Susan Carter, dt. of John Carter & Wilson. (Mrs C.R.B's.line.)

Rutherford , Elliott, m. 6-17-1787 (C.S.) Ruth Wilkins.

(Marriages ,Frederick Co. Va. by Davies.)
Hugh Rutherford
Robt. Rutherford, son of and born in Scotland ,10-20-1728.
Sarah de Montargis
Educated Royal College of Edinburgh. Family ~~xxxx~~ trace back to Scotland 1140 A.D. Robertus Dominus de Rutherford - Sir Robert a friend of ROBERT BRUCE. 1398.
Sir Walter Scotts mother was a Rutherford (read "Lay of Last Minstrel." and the Rutherfords of Hunthill "
Robert ,came to America very young & served in the Rev. War. married Sept. 13, 1753, Mrs Mary Howe (Daubigney) widow of Hon George Augustus Howe, killed at Battle of Ticonderoga, and brother of Admiral Howe,of the British Navy. (Daughter of William & Deborah de Aubine.)
Estate Flowing Springs" near Charlestown, W. Va. Jefferson Co., died October 1803. leaving no desc. by his name only his daughters were
Mrs Peyton; Mrs Hite; Mrs Morrow; Mrs Conrad; Mrs Davis,
Mrs Bedinger, Mrs Brown,James.
Son died age nineteen. D.A.R. Vol. XI. page 509, by Mary L. Conrad.

Roper, Nicholas, married 10-9-1797, Frederick Co. Va. to Mary Horn.
Rutherford, John, " 5-10-1789,Augusta,Co. Va. CATHERINE SYSORT.
See Virginia General, by Burns.

RUTHERFORD*	Taxpayers, Va. 1782-87.		
	POLL	SLAVES	COUNTY.
Absolom,	1	2	Montgomery
Dudley	1	0	Henrico
George	1	0	Louisa
John Jr.	2	0	Montgomery
Joseph	1	0	Lunenberg
Julian	1	0	Montgomery
Robert	2	17	Berkeley
Thomas	1	11	" "
William	1	16	Goochland.
William, Jr.	1	0	Montgomery Co.
William, Sr.	1	0	Montgomery, Co.

sheet 3 cont'd. C.R.P. California. data.
See Fothergill & Mangle List. (Tax List I guess)

Rutherford, Wm. m. 9-10-1797, Wythe Co. Va. to Betsy Cooper.
Rutherford, John, m. 1794 ,Montgomery Co. Va. " Sarah Moss.
RUTHERFORD: Data
given in letters addresses etc. at GOLDEN WEDDING Anniversary.
AMNER , who married 2-28-1839 , Ann ESPY , of Paxtang, married by James R. Sharon. dt. of Wm. Espy m.1807 by same minister.
Letter to Mr. & Mrs ABNER RUTHERFORD, by H. Stewart Wilson 1889, acknowledges invitation to Golden Wedding Anniv.,as could not be present- mentions Mr. Sharon, baptized us all in old PAXTANG VALLEYX Pa. including Mr. CAMPBELL ,who set in little square box in front of 6 or 8 cornered pulpit.
Old Mr. Jordan,who would announce in his clarion voice that "Mr. Sharon, had gone in."
The lunch between sermons- The old church yard with many horses and carriages tied to different trees, each had own tree.
Families of Elders (Joshua & James) Little SAM.
Rutherford,and John P. James Bigger- Widow Elder and her family.
Cowdens, Gilchrists, Old Robin Gray and his family.

Joseph Gray- Your honored father "Uncle Billy" William Espy (your wife's father had left the valley before my recollection, but often saw him on river bank in Harrisburg in front of his dwelling. Your borhter the Dr. RUTHERFORD, The Kendeys,of Middletown. Daniel Norten Kendig, and the fine horses they always drove to the Paxtang Church. The Violinist who played at the wedding celebration was at the Anniversary. Egle Pal
(See Ser III,Vol 2, page 275.)
For THOMAS RUTHERFORD, see History -Paxtang Presbyterian Church Rec.Pa. page 339.

ABNER Rutherford, m. Ann Espy,2-28-1839;
Margaret " m. John Collier,1-2-1830;
Eliza ___ m. John P. Rutherford,10-1824.
Martha, m. Hugh Wilson, 4-15-1834
John ,Rutherford, m. Margaret Parke 1765
Mary, m. Saml. S. Rutherford, 3-17-1836
Sarah, m. Daniel Kendig, 3-10-1776
James, m. Margaret Brisban, 1-2-1772
See Paxtang Presby. Church ,pg.339

RUTHERFORD* Thos. Gent. Co. of Berkeley W.Va.,
" Hon. Robert , See Hsty Berkeley Co. Va. p.p 58-179-200
Berkeley Co. taken from FREDERICK CO 1772.
Frederick Co. from ORANGE Co. 1738.

RUTHERFORD,Joseph Allerne, born 1634 in DEVEZES, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND
Author of "Alarm of the Unconverted."
" Rev. John (Joseph) of Scotland
Katherine (Rev.John) mar. 1702, John Walker, from Ireland , in Chester Co. Pa., Rockbridge Co. Va. & Scott Co. Ky.
Colonial Wars- Augusta Co. Va. 1742, married NANCEY McClung.
Comp. VII ,pg. 326.

[illegible], thru [illegible] 1952.

[illegible] , born 2/20/1840, Montgomery Co. Arkansas.
died 9/1/1917, Kay Co., Okla.
married 10/29/1863 , Lena Buchanan, b.4/21/1845
died 8/31/1917, Kay Co. Okla.

Robert J. Buchanan, born 8/29/1847, Chickasaw Co., Miss.
died 6/29/1914, McCurtain Co, Okla.
married 7/29/1867 Mary Elizabeth Cloud, b.9/13/1851, Logan Co. Kentucky.
died ,11/8/1926, McCurtain, Okla.

Stephen R. Cloud, born 5/3/1832, Logan Co., Kentucky
died 7/24/1916, Custer Co., Oklahoma
married 1850, Nancy Hickman, born 1834, Logan Co.Ky.
died 1864, Logan Co.Ky.

John D. Cloud, b. 6/4/1807, Logan Co., Ky.
d. 8/8/1840, Logan Co. Ky.
mar. 1/31/1826 ELIZABETH RUTHERFORD, born 12/15/1810 Logan Co. Ky. died 1882,Logan Co. Ky.

STEPHEN R. RUTHERFORD, born 7/5/1785, Virginia
died. 9/28/1823, Logan Co., Ky.
m. 1809, CATHERINE HADLEY, b. 1793, Penn.
died 8/1875, Logan Co. Ky.

ARCHIBALD RUTHERFORD, born. 1754 Frederick Co., Virginia.
died 7/31/ 1838 Logan Co., Ky.
married, 6/21/1782 Elizabeth (Akers ?) b. 1763 Virginia
died Logan Co., Ky. 1847

CHILDREN OF ARCHIBALD RUTHERFORD.:
Robert, born 1783
Stephen, born 7/5/1785, married Catherine Hadley
Catherine, " 11/22/1787, " Samuel Owens 1809
John, b. 1789, married Jane Britt 12/21/1821
Archibald, b. 10m. 1793 married Rachel.
Nancy, b. 1795, married MARTIN ADAMS, 4/23/1814
William, b.1797, m. Martha Page , 8/16/1819
Elizabeth, b. 1800, m. 1st. Thos. Benders 8/29/1819
m. 2nd. _____ Dalton
Shelby, born about 1802
Samuel 1804, m. Jane Page 11/11/1829
I, was born 2/22/1905, Montgomery Co., Ark. , married 9/18/1921 at Waskita, Arkansas , by Mathis T. Mix, to BEN VANDERSLICE, b. 9/12/1889. Marriage in Book G, page 409 Montgomery Co. Arkansas. Mt.Ida.

Copied by C.R.P. 1956.

See data, addls & Quals I sent you for this Arch.
If you do not have it - I will copy & send
[illegible]
[illegible] page & where [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] 4. [illegible] Johnson Vanderslice.
[illegible]

2 Gen. [illegible] Co.. [illegible] 72. [illegible] le records, [illegible] McCarthy Co. [illegible] records.
3 Deed attached to my first set of papers. Certified papers endorsed by Mrs Nate Johnson, Tombstone record, Bible record listed below. Land allotment of John D. Cloud Bk. G. Page 544 ; 546; land deed.
4 Marriage license in bk. 1 page 54 file " 10 Logan Co. Ky. land deed referred to in 3rd. Gen. inventory of sale in Bk. C. Nov. 5, 1840. pages 189, 190; 191. Land allotment Nov. 5,1840 bk.G pages 189;190;191; also Bible record of Daniel Cloud.
5 Stephen Rutherford settlement, Bk. G. Wills pages 35; 36; 241
6 Pension application of Archibald Rutherford in book record of the Abstract of papers pertaining to soldiers of the Indian , Rev. and War of 1812. Residing in Logan Co. Kentucky, by Annie Walker Burns Bell; page 71 Pension application # W. 8571.
7. See Pension application in Gen.5th settlement of estate of Elizabeth Rutherford, bk. G. pages 613 ,614.. Certified paper by Velma Vick enclosed.

Land allotment of John B. Cloud, book G. pages 544. 546, dated June 27, 1846

SERVICE Ancestors.

ARCHIBALD RUTHERFORD , enlisted in Year 1778 (24) in the 7th Reg.of Virginia Continental Line under Command of James Crockett and Col. Field and Col. McLanahan and he continued in this capacity until year 1779 in which he was honorably discharged. As Capacity of Private.
REF: Military record.
Vol. 1 ,page 685 Hist. Register of Va. in Revolutionary War.
Vol. 1,pg 265 Rev. War Records, Virginia. Pension Application of Archibald Rutherford in book Record of the Abstract papers pertaining to the Soldiers of the Indian, Revolutionary, War of 1812 wars residing in Logan Co., Ky.
By Annie Waler Burns Bell. page 71.

THELMA JOHNSON VANDERSLICE ,National # 418608.

(This at least was proven and accepted so we are one UP! copied from the application work sheet. by little me. Camilla Rutherford Bardsley, March 1956. Los Angeles,Ca. born, [illegible] COUNTY ,Va. 1884. See SNYDER [illegible], evidently her Archibald.))

Copy of letter)

TA PPAHANNOCK, VIRGINIA.
ESSEX COUNTY. July 21,1953

Mrs George N. Picras.
1105 West 3rd. st.
Pecos, Texas.

Dear Mrs Picras:
Listed below is the cost of the Inventories and the Wills you wished.

ROBERT RUTHERFORD,	1726	Inventory	$0.50
JOHN RUTHERFORD,	1743	"	2.00
MARY RUTHERFORD,	1753	WILL	2.00
John Rutherford	1755	Inventory	2.00
John Rutherford	1742	Will.	2.00

If at any time I can be of service to you please let me know.
Very sincerely yours,
Lula Harrison, Deputy Clerk.
Tappahannock, Virginia. Box. 93.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I JOHN RUTHERFORD, of ST. ANNS PARISH, of Essex County do make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner following Viz.
I give unto my daughter MARGARET WORTHAM all my Land joining to THOMAS THORPS Land having devided from the Land I live on by a line of marked trees. (Beginning below Mr Dixions Mill ay a white Oake then running West to a marked White Oake standing near the Road then with a line of marked trees to the pond, to her and her heirs forever.
I give unto my Loving wife MARY RUTHERFORD all my Land next to WILLIAM WORTHAM Land Beginning at DIXIONS MILL swamp where the old road crossed the swamp and running thence with the road to SPANISH OAK thence South West to a Saplin then with a line of marked trees to the head of the pond then with the pond to WORTHAMS CORNER tree (the same being the Land I now on, during her natural life and after her decease, I give the same to my SON JAMES RUTHERFORD his heirs forever. And in case my wife should Marry my will is that my son JAMES RUTHERFORD, shall have the whole & Sole property in the sd.Land and my wife not to injoy Aney part thereof my will is that my son ROBERT RUTHERFORD shall when he attains the age of EIGHTEEN YEARS have the Liberty of working five years on the sd. land with one hand besides himself without paying for the same , I give unto my son JOHN RUTHERFORD all my Land between the Land I give to my son JAMES RUTHERFORD and THOMAS THORPS LAND which he bought of NAMPE to him and his heirs forever Turn over And my will is that my son ROBERT RUTHERFORD be for himself when attains the age of EIGHTEEN years And I also give him one NEGRO BOY NAMED HARRY to be then delivered to him my will is that my wife Mary Rutherford have all my personal Estate of what Nature or Kind so ever with one negro man named JEGORRE, and I likewise appoint my loving wife Mary Rutherford Exer. and WILLIAM WORTHAM & my son JOHN RUTHERFORD, EXect. of this my Last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of Jany. 1742.
JOHN J. RUTHERFORD. (SEAL).
(his mark.)
Sealed published and declared in presence of us.
L. Gaines,
Jerremiah Mitchell
his
Edward C. Rouzee
mark.
N B But if my son JAMES RUTHERFORD should die without heir or legal disposition of the Land, continuted.

Will of JOHN RUTHERFORD, ESSEX COUNTY, VA. CONTINUED.

DISPOSITION OF THE Land wch. I have gave him t at then the said Land and Plantation should revert to my SON ROBERT RUTHERFORD AND HIS heirs forever Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of Janry. 1742.

JOHN J. RUTHERFORD (SEAL)

Test ; Robert Brooking
Wm. WORTHAM
JOHN RETTFORD, JR.

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 15th day of March Anno Dom. 1742
This Last Will & Testament of JOHN RUTHERFORD, dec. being presented in Court by MARY RUTHERFORD, the Exec. therein named was proved by the oath of JEREMIAH MITCHELL and Edward Powzee, Witness thereto and the Codicil to the sd. will was proved by the oath of Robert Brooking, William Wortham and JOHN RUTHERFORD, jun. Witnesses thereto and then the sd. will was admitted to record And on the motion of the sd. Mary and her performing what the law in such cases require a Certificate was granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form And then William Wortham and JOHN RUTHERFORD,Jun. the other Executors in the sd. will named Came into Court and refused to take upon them the Burthen of the Execution thereof

Test.
W. Beverley C. Cur

WILL BOOK 6, page 426-427.

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COPY OF LETTER. CLERK'S OFFICE, CIRCUIT COURT OF LOUISA COUNTY, LOUISA, VIRGINIA.

JULY 27, 1953.

Mrs George W. Picras.
1105 W. 3rd. st.
Pecos, Texas.

Dear Madam:
Your letter enclosing $1.00 for copy of will of one ADAM RATHERFORD, 1761, received.
Find enclosed this copy.
There ar no other RATHERFORD or Rutherford wills.
We find two Powers of Attorney from GEORGE RUTHERFORD, 1809 & 1816. One deed from GEORGE RUTHERFORD, 1813. Several deeds to HORACE RUTHERFORD &c, 1827, JOHN RUTHERFORD, THOS. RUTHERFORD, 1826 and 1854.

I fine the marriage of a WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, and ELIZABETH LAWRENCE, 1808.
Will be glad to serve you further.

Yours truly,
L.A.Keller,Jr. Clerk.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I ADAM RATHERFORD of Louisa County do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit I give to my son JOHN one shilling sterling.
I give to my son ADAM one Gun and forty sh. current money provided he returns from the Expedition ----- now upon.
I give to my daughter SILVERA DAVIS one Shilling __
I give to my Son WILLIAM one shilling sterling and all the rest of my Estate I lend unto my well beloved wife Margarett to be enjoyed by her during her widowhood and in Case she should marry or after her decease to be equally divided between my FOUR CHILDREN ELLISON THOMAS GEORGE and CHRISTIAN to them and theirs forever-

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty second day of February One thousand seven hundred & fifty nine I appoint Mr. John Holt and my son WILLIAM to be Executors of this my last will and testament.

ADAM RATHERFORD. (SEAL).

Sealed & Acknowledged to be his last will
before Sackvil Brewer & John Holt.
At a Court held for Louisa County on the 28th day of July 1761-
This Will was this day proved in open Court by the Oaths of Sackvil Brewer and John Holt witnesses thereto & by the Court Admitted to Record & is recorded.

Teste James Littlepage Cl. Crt.

Recorded: Will Book: "1", pages 53-54.

(A Copy Teste: Kate Pr. Dpty clerk.)

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COPY OF LETTER & WILL, FROM COUNTY COURTHOUSE RECORDS
TAPPAHANNOCK, ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA. (1956).

Tappahannock, Virginia.
May 23, 1956.

Dear Mrs Picras:
It was nice hearing from you again. I am sending you the WILL of MARY RETTERFORD (1753).

I can not find the relationship between ROBERT (1726) and the JOHN that was the Administrator of his estate.

This is my OPINION, ROBERT was a Junior, as stated in the Will Book, his estate was very small, only a horse, clothes and crop of tobacco, so I believe he was a young boy when he died and was the brother of the John that left a Will in 1742, who was the husband of Mary, whose Will I am sending you.

We have no other Wills of any Rutherford or Retterfords in our records. The cost of the copy of the Will of JOHN (1742) will be $3.00
If at any time I can be of help to you, please let me know.
I wish you the best of luck in proving your line.

Very Sincerely yours
Lula Harrison, Deputy Clerk
Essex County Circuit Court,
Tappahannock, Virginia. Box 93.

Ref: WILL BOOK 9, page 216. Essex Co. Va.,
In The Name of God Amen, I Mary Retterford, of Essex County being sick and weake but of perfect sence and memory Thanks be to God do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth, First my will is that all my debts be paid and second that my three sons shall have five shillings each in full of their parts thirdly my will is that after my death Immediately , My son ROBERT take the Negro Boy Harry left him by his father to himself. fourthly my will is that all the remainder of my Estate of what kind so ever be sold for money and the money be Equally divided between my TWO DAUGHTERS AGATHY & ELIZABETH RETTERFORD & if either of my daughters dies without Heirs that the Surviving one have her part & if both should die without Heirs that then my son ROBERT RETTERFORD have their Estate and lastly I appoint my daughter AGATHY my hole 7 sole Exect. of this my last will & testament in witness whereof I have set my hand & Seal this 9th day of September 1749.

TEST:
Simon MILLER
George GREEN
Timothy Goode.

Mary her X mark Retterford (SEAL)

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappa, on the 20th day of March Anno dom. 1753
This last Will and Testament of MARY RETTERFORD, decs. was presented in Court by JAMES BOULWARE & AGATHA , his wife. the Executors therein mentioned who made oath hereto & the same being proved also by the oaths of SIMON MILLER & GEORGE GREEN , two of the Witnesses here-to & thereupon the same is admitted to & on the motion of the sd. JAMES & AGATHA BOULWARE & their performing what the Laws in Such Cases require a Certificate is Granted them for obtaining probate hereofin due forme.

Teste: John LEE,Jr. D.Clk,
Will bk. 9, pg. 216.

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Copy of letter

Berkeley Springs ,West Va.,
July 20th, 1956.

Dear Mrs Picras;
I am sending you a report on my day's work in Martinsburg, IT, by no means, is complete on the RUTHERFORDS, but you will find I have taken nothing for granted and have made out a short out line which I hope I can add to from Frederick County, Va. records, for any record to be found prior to 1772, when Berkeley county was formed, from Frederick, would be in the courthouse at Winchester, Va.

There were no records of a Benjamin Rutherford in Berkeley County, he was of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY., WEST VA. There were a number of deeds under Robert and Thomas but found only one under JAMES which is on the list enclosed. None of the deeds I looked over had any family information, so did not take the time to copy.

I hope to get to Winchester in the near future and will continue the search there.

Jefferson County, West Va. was taken from Berkeley in 1801 so I imagine some Rutherford records would be found there, but for me to get there, is a transportation question.

I hope I am sending you something in the way of helpful information.

Sincerely KATHERINE M. HUNTER.

RUTHERFORD MARRIAGES TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS AT MARTINSBURG,BERKELEY CO. W.V.

Ref. Book.page .	Names of parties	date of marriage	by whom.
I. 79	RUTHERFORD, Van....Sarah Marke..	1/11/1798....	MOSES HOGE,Minister.
I. 135	" MARY..Jacob H. Manning..	9/25/1798.....	Bond.
2. 136	" ARCHIBALD..Mary Ann C. Tabler..	7/20/1801.....	
Ch. 7	" Thomas... Mary DARK.....	11/30/1792..	Christian Streit
Ch. 18	" Eleanor.. James Brown...	2/5/1799.	
3 39	" Thomas... Elizabeth Pultz..	12/25/1806	
L.B.	"George.... Peggy Cline....	11/15/1810	
Ch. 59	" Henry....Ruth VanMetre..	5/10/1827	
Ch. 59	" Catherine.. John Sperow..	7/10/1827	
L. B.	" James.....Ann E. Stillwell..	1/4/1838	
Ch. 73	" John W... Sarah Shaffer....	2/22/1842	

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RUTHERFORD DATA TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS IN THE COURTHOUSE AT MARTINSBURG, BERKELEY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.

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Ref; Will Book I. page 186.

NO. I. THOMAS SWEARINGEN, of Berkeley county, Virginia. HIS WILL. wife, HANNAH, mentions giving her land on "VanMetre's Marsh, in Berkeley County, 232 acres, being a tract conveyed by his father Colonel Van. Swearingen.

ITEM:- Above land to Sarah Bennet, "my sister's daughter, after the death of my wife.

Executors: Colonel Van Swearingen, Captain Uriah Swearingen, Hezekiah Swearingen and Thomas Rutherford, Also his wife Hannah.

Signed :THOS. Swearingen (.S.S.)

Probated March 21, 1780. Witnesses: Thomas Rutherford, Sr. Robert Rutherford, Jr. Benjamin Rutherford Sr. James Rutherford and Benjamin Rutherford, Jr.

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REF: - Will Book I. page 384.

No 2. " AN INVENTORY of the goods etc., of ROBERT RUTHERFORD, JUN. DEC'D. without and JAMES RUTHERFORD his BROTHER, the surviving partner taken this 14th day of June, 1785."

page 389.

"THE FOREGOING is the INVENTORY and appraisement of the Estate of Robert Rutherford, Deceased, taken and appraised. (in obedience to an order of the Berkeley Court) by us being first sworn this 14th day of June ,1785.

Signed

Thomas White

John Mark

John Morrow.

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REF: Will book I. page 216-217

3- Will of SARAH McCARTNEY, widow of BENJAMIN McCartney of Berkeley county, Va., Sarah Vance, daughter of David Vance of County TYRONE, KINGDOM of IRELAND, her niece. If Sarah dies, her share is to go to Mary McCashland, daughter" of my nephew, Oliver McCashland of Berkeley Co., oldest son of Oliver McCashland.

"Money to be paid to my particular FRIEND, THOMAS RUTHERFORD, IN TRUST FOR HIS ELDEST SON, THOMAS RUTHERFORD, the younger.

Signed her

Sarah X McCartney

mark

Executors: Oliver McCashland and John Ryan.

Will made Sept. 20, 1780. Probated March 20, 1780.

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REF: Will Book I. page 489.

#4 WILL OF VAN SWEARINGEN, of Berkeley County, Virginia. Wife, Priscilla. "I give and bequeath unto Peggy Swearingen, being the daughter of the above named Priscilla, 400 acres of Land situated on BIG SANDY CREEK of the branch of the OHIO RIVER, and a part of the Land formerly surveyed for the VIRGINIA REGIMENT, " if she dies, land is to go to his sons and daughters herein after mentioned.

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page 3 ". Rutherford Data taken from the Records in the Courthouse at Martinsburg, Berkeley county, WEST Virginia. continued.

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REF: Will book I. page 489. continued.

#4. Mentioned: His two sons, HEZEKIAH SWEARINGEN and Josiah Swearingen . Also "unto my two daughters:- ~~xxxxxx~~ SUSANA BENNETT the wife of WILLIAM BENNETT and unto DRUSCILLA RUTHERFORD the wife of THOMAS RUTHERFORD.

Two sons, appointed Executors, also THOMAS RUTHERFORD.

Witnesses:- Thos. Rutherford, Chas. Swearingen, Druscilla Harp, and Thos. Swearingen. Witnesses to Codicil, Joseph Swearingen Rusen Raskies ? and Frederick Dawson.

Signed

VAN SWEARINGEN.

Probated June 7, 1788.

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REF: Will book 2. page s 378-291.

#5- WILL of THOMAS RUTHERFORD, JUN. of Berkeley County, Va. Gives wife MARY, two lots in CHARLES (he must mean CHARLES TOWN) "with Improvements thereon, one purchased from Dr. Tiffin, on which I now dwell, the other, purchased from Richard Montzall."

Daughter SARAH not of age. Partnership in trade between self and " my Brother, Van Rutherford and now subsists under the name and firm of Thomas & Van Rutherford.

Appoints his wife Mary, and his father, Thomas Rutherford, also his "trusty friend, General William Darke and brother Van Rutherford, his Executors.

Signed.

Thos. Rutherford.

"Signed, sealed published pronounced and declared by the testator, the said Thos. Rutherford, Jr. as and for this last Will and Testament in the presence of George Wite, John Hull and Edward Tiffin. Probated July 25th 1796.

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REF. DEEDS listed under the name of THOMAS RUTHERFORD.

1772	Thomas Rutherford,	John HITE ,Book I. page 156.	
1778	" "	Robt. Rutherford,	book 5, page 92
1778	" "	Chatles Gates	
1778	" "	Alex. White,Jr.	book 8, page 298
1779 (8)	" "	Alex. White, Jr.	" 9, page 87
NO 6.	" "	Thos Rutherford,Jr.	" II, " 498
	" ",Jr.	Jos. Swearingen	
1799	" "	George Washington,Pres. U.S.	15, 3.
1789	James Rutherford, (of Berkeley Co. Va., a lot in SHEPHERDSTOWN, no wife's name given.)	William Brice	book 9, page 17
1773	Robert Rutherford,	Proeson Bowdoin,	book 2, page 287.

DEED BOOK 9, page 344

No.7. continued.

DEED BOOK 9, page 344.

REF: THIS INDENTURE made March 6th, 1790. BETWEEN:- Josiah Swearingen, Hezekiah Swearingen and William Bennett and
7 LURANNA ? his wife, and Thomas Rutherford on the part of DRUSCILLA RUTHERFORD, his wife, for land in FAYETTE COUNTY, KENTUCKY and also Berkeley County, Va.

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Van Swearingen, married Priscilla _____
children were:
Hezekiah
Josiah
Thomas
Uriah
Susanna, married William Bennett
Druscilla " Thomas Rutherford, Sen.

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Thomas Swearingen, married Hannah _____
children, none mentioned in Will.

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Robert Rutherford , married Mary _____
children were
Robert, Jr.
James

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Thomas Rutherford, Sen., married Druscilla Swearingen
children were:
Thomas Jr. married Mary Darke, 11/30/1792
Van " Sarah Marke 1/11/1792

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Thomas Rutherford, Jr. married Mary Darke 11/30/ 1792
children were.

SARAH.

Copy of letter,

Berkeley Springs, West Va
August, 25th, 1956

Dear Mrs Picras:

I am enclosing some abstracts from the Frederick County Virginia Records. It was quite a while before I had an opportunity to get to Winchester and the courthouse, and then did not have time to do the records very thoroughly, but in fact, there wasnt too much to be found.

There seems to have been a Robert, Thomas and Benjamin Rutherford Senior and Junior, it is quite puzzling as to who is who and which is which.

HERE IS ONE BIRTH , I found in the records of the LUTHERAN CHURCH at SHEPHERDSTOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA.

" BENJAMIN and BARBARA (parents) Benjamin Rutherford(son)
(or baptism)
12/8/1797(date of birth) Conrad and Sarah Beyers(sponsors)

I hope ere this, that your husband is fully restored to health and will remain so. and I also hope the enclosed records will be of some assistance to you in getting correct data on the Rutherford family.

With kind regards
Sincerely
KATHERINE M. HUNTER.

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REF: # Deed Bk. 12. pg. 581.
5- continued.
Glasgow, Scotland. Land on HOGES Creek.

Signed:- Robert Rutherford
Mary Rutherford.

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6. Deed Book 12, page 578.

Indenture made Nov. 2. 1768. BETWEEN "ROBERT RUTHERFORD heir at law to CAPTAIN THOMAS RUTHERFORD, DEC'D of Frederick Co., Va. and THOMAS RUTHERFORD, of the same place.

Signed : - ROBERT RUTHERFORD

MARY RUTHERFORD.

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7. Deed Book 18. page 249. Indenture made Nov. 5th. 1778.

"Memorandum OF An Agreement between BENJAMIN Rutherford of Frederick Co., Va. 1 part, and ROBERT RUTHERFORD, JUN. his son," of the same county and state. of the 2nd part.

" WHEREAS:- the Benjamin Rutherford at this time, possesses 2 lots of land, adjoining each other, leased from LANDON CARTER, Esq;, 300 acres on the drains of the Opeckon Creek, the plantation whereon said Benjamin Dwells.

BENJAMIN RUTHERFORD and his wife ELIZABETH lease same to ROBERT RUTHERFORD JR, their son, but reserve house, barn etc., on which they live.

Witnesses:-
Benjamin Rutherford
Robert Rutherford, Jr.

Thomas Rutherford
Drusilla Rutherford

Benjamin Rutherford, Jr.

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RUTHERFORD MARRIAGES recorded in Frederick County, Va.,

145-10 .	RUTHERFORD	Elliot	to	Ruth Wilkins, Minister Christian Streit, 6/17/1787.
11-15.	"	Sarah	to	David Bedinger, minister Alex. Balmain 4/26/1791.
146A- 16	"	John	to	MARY CARTER, min. Wm. Hill 1/27/ 1818.

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REF:- THE CARTMELL's History. pages 289., 291.

continued.

REF:. Cartmill's History. page 289, 291.

James Wood married Mary, daughter of CAPTAIN RUTHERFORD First sheriff of Frederick Co. Va. he was living in ORANGE COUNTY in 1738. "from an old note book."

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REF: The Index Book to Wills contain the following:-

1764	Rutherford	Reuben....Appraisement.	3.342. 223. 428
1805	"	Benjamin..... "ill	8. 88. 8. 152
1822	"	John..... Appraisement	11. 231. 181
1827	"	James W... Acct.	14. 174. 21. 172
1827	"	JOHN ORPHANS	14. 174
1843	"	John H. .. Acct.	21. 181
1900	"	John H. .... Will	41. 303
1916	"	Wm. B. ... Will	45. 390

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Will Book 8. page 88- 152.

Heading under " John Rutherford's Orphans.

"JAMES W. RUTHERFORD, heir of JOHN RUTHERFORD DEC'D, " In account with Henry F. Baker, his guardian. April 1824."

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COPY OF LETTER TO
Mrs H.H.Wefel: 1311 Azalea Street, MOBILE, ALABAMA.

Dear Mrs Wefel:
Thank you for your letter of April 25th, and the $28.00.
Have spent two days on your problems. I might mention that there were only about three dozen Rutherford families in the United States in 1790, according the Census records that have been preserved. " 2 F amilies in Vermont, 2 in Massachusetts, 5 in New York, 10 in Pennsylvania, 6 in Virginia, 8 in North Carolina, and m 3 in South Carolina.

I made a special point to determine whether or not you descend from the Rutherfords of CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA . From the data I found I would say that the answer is NO.

A careful search of Cumberland records shows that there were three Rutherford brothers on record there, from 1750's up past 1800- John, James and Thomas. See the abstract of a deed, enclosed, which proves this point.

Thomas Rutherford died about 1784, and his widow, Jean or Jane, married Archibald Simpson, as you already have record of. Then in 1795 the widow, Jean Simpson, married to Duncan Macaulan- see enclosed page giving a brief abstract of their marriage agreement.

Fortunately, Jane(---) Rutherford Simpson McAuslan, left a WILL, but it would seem that she had no children at all by any of her husbands: See enclosed abstracts of her WILL.

It might be well to check on some of the other Rutherford families that were in North Carolina 1790. Sorry that I could find no connection at all with the Cimberland County family.

Sincerely,
William Perry Johnson. Professional Genealogist.
Box 531 , Raleigh, North Carolina.
May 3, 1956.

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Book 14, page 293, Cumberland County, No. Carolina.
Duncan Macauslan, Agreement Jean Simpson
14 March 1795 by and between Duncan Macauslan of the town of Fayetteville ,Cumberland Co. a merchant and Jean Simpson same town and county and Robert Donaldson of same town and county a merchant. Whereas a marriage is intended shortly to be solomnized between the sd. Duncan and the sd. Jean which sd. Jean amongst other things is seized and possessed of a certain track or parcel of land on East side ot eh North West of Cape Fear river known by name of _____ containing 550½ acres.
A marriage settlement names several Negroes by name.
Signed; Duncan Macauslan
Jean Simpson
Robt. Donaldson.

Proven April term 1795.

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Book A, page 203 ; Cumberland Co. N.C. Jane McAuslan
Jane McAuslan of town of Fayetteville;
Executors; Mr. John McAuslan of Wilmington, North Carolina.
Mr. Hugh McLean of Moore Co. North Carolina.
1st. to Margt. Massey Fitzgerald ,daughter of Thomas Fitzgerald of Wilmington.
2nd. To Miss Mary Ray "from a sence of gratitude and for her attachment to me.
3rd. to Duncan McAuslan son of John McAuslan of Wilmington my Executor.
4 to Margaret Broadfoot.
2 to

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Book A page 203 Cumberland Co. N.C. Continued.
5th, to Mrs Margaret Saggy, formerly Miss Simpson, her legacy to be put in care of Mrs James Mumford.

6th , to Hugh McLean one of my Executors (all lots and lands.)

Signed : Jean McAuslan.

dated 29th Jan. 1814
Wit; Benj. Robinson

NOTE: Miss Jane Sutherland legatee.

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BOOK 7, page 92; Cumberland County, N.C. Rutherford.

John Rutherfurd to Thomas Rutherfurd
North Carolina)
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.)

JOHN RUTHERFURD, of New Hanover Co. Esq. Eldest brother and heir at Law of Colo. JAMES RUTHERFORD, of Cumberland Co., deceased. sometime in 1754 the above named James Rutherfurd with Thomas Rutherfurd Esquers his younger brother with their joint stock amounting to 315 pounds Lawful money of great Britian purchased from Daniel McNeill

Jn Rutherfurd

17 April 1772
Thos Hollaway
Sampson Moseley

Proven 9 Dec. 1782.

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Mrs H.H. Wefel if cousin to Mrs George N. Picras.
ROBERT RUTHERFORD, married Mary Miller in Anderson S.C.
B. 1725 D. 1833 Ala. ---- B. 1793, d. 1768/69. in Ala.
they had two sons: William Miller Rutherford, (Mrs Picras,line)
John Johnson Rutherford, (Mrs Wefels line.)

COPIED FROM THE ARCHIVES IN COUNTY COURTHOUSE , AUGUSTA CO.
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

In the name of God Amen, I MARGARET RUTHERFORD, of the County of Augusta & Colony of Virginia, Widow being old and failed in Body but of sound disposeing memory blessed be God for his mercys & seeing it is appointed for all men to die I have made this my last Will & Testament bearing date this Eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundere and sixty nine and first I commit my soul to Almighty God the giver of it and my Body to Buried in such decent manner as my Executors shall think fit & as to what whrldly goods it has pleased the lord to bestow upon me I dispose of them in the following way and manner & first my will is that all debts by me due may be paid of my estate and that all bdebts due to me may be levied by me Executors and Secondly I leve and bequeath to my son SAMUEL RUTHERFORD that is both deal and dumb, Ninty pounds to be reserved for his use and at his decedse it is to be equally divided between my son JOHN WALLACE and my son THOMAS HUTSON is any remains therdly and my Bed and full beding of cloths I bequeath for my son Samuel Rutherford & after his death to be life to the use of Rebecca CAMPBELL my will is at my decease that out of my Estate JAMES WALLACE, five pounds; REBECCA CAMPBELL, five pounds. MARGARET HUTSON, five pounds, ISSBELA HUTSON, five pounds and the remaining Part to be divided equally between my sons JOHN WALLACE and THOMAS HUTSON and fourthly I appoint and ordain my trusty & well beloved friends ALEXANDER WALKER and WILLIAM BUCHANAN to be my Executors to Execute this my last Will and Testament and hereby do make void and null all Wills and Testaments made by me and do declare this to be my last Will & Testament. As Witnesssth my hand and Seal the day & year above written.

MARGARET her X mark RUTHERFORD

Robert Tedford
George Buchanan
Alexander Tedford
John Tedford

At a Court Continued & held for Augusta County, May the 18th ,1774.
This last Will and Testament of Margaret Rutherford, deced was proved by the oaths of Robert Tedford Alexander Tedford and John Tedford three of the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Alexander and William Buchanan the Executors therein named who made oath according to law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form they haveing with secutities entered into & acknowledged their Bond according to law.

Recorded in Augusta County Clerk's Office,
Staunton, Virginia, in WILL Book 5, page 242.

The above was copied for Mrs George N. Picras. by the Co.Clerk
J.M. Blackburn. 1956.

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REF:-
WILLS , copied from the Circuit Court for Augusta County, Va.,
by the Clerk of the " ".

In the name of God Amen, I James Rutherford of the County of Augusta & Colony of Virginia weaver being old and failed in body but of a sound disposeing memory blesed be God for his mercys and since it is appointed for all men to die I have mad this my last will and testament bearing deat this twenty fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty and first I comit my soul to Almighty God the giver of it and my body to be buried in such decent manner as my Executors shall think fitt and as to what worldly goods it has pleased the lord to bestow upon me I dispose of them in the following way and manner and first my Will is that all my debts by me due my be paid of my estate and that all debts due to me my belevied by my Executors & Secondly I leave and bequeath to my we ll beloved wife MARGARET RUTHERFORD all and singular my moveable to wit my goods & chattles the houses I now dwell in with all belonging to said houses and at her death be disposed of as she think fite and thirdly as to my land it being one hundred and sixty one acres I leave and bequeath to my well beloved wife Margaret Rutherford said land during her life time with all the appurtenancey thereunto belonging but at my wifes death I order said land to be sold by my Executors and the Money arising to be put to interest for the maintainance of and keeping my son SAMUEL RUTHERFORD, who is deafe and dumb and not capable to or do for himself & at his death if there be any of said price of the seal remains I ordered it to be equally between my son JOHN WALLACE and my Thomas HUDSON and fourthly I appoint and order my well beloved wife Margaret Rutherford and WILLIAM BUCHANAN to be My Executors to execute this my last will and testament & hereby made void & null all wills and Testaments made by me and do declare this to be my last will & Testaments As Witness my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
In presence of us

James Buchanan
William Buchanan
William X Thompson.
his mark
Archibald Buchanan

JAMES RUTHERFORD (LS)

At a Court Continued and held for Augusta County , August the 17th 1768.
This Last Will and Testament of JAMES RUTHERFORD deceased being former proved by the oath of William Buchanan was this day further proved by the oath of ARCHIBALD BUCHANAN another Witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Recorded in Augusta County
Clerk's Office, Staunton, Va.,
in WILL BOOK 4, Page 134.

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COPY OF BOND of THOMAS RUTHERFORD, AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Know ,all men by these presents that we ELIZABETH RUTHERFORD, Jacob Woodley and John Phillips are held & firmly unto James Lockart Samuel McDowell George Moffett and Matthew Patton Justices in the Commission of the Peace for Augusta County for and in behalf and to the sole use & behoof of the Justices of the said County and their successors in the sum of Five Hundred pounds to be paid to the said Justices and their successors to the which payment well and truely to be made we bind ours lves and every of us and every of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly & severally firmly these presents sealed withour seals dated this 20th day of March one thousand seven hundred & seventy.

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound ELIZABETH RUTHERFORD, Administratrix of all the goods chattles & credits of THOMAS RUTHERFORD, deced do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods chattles & credits of the said deced which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of her the said ELIZABETH RUTHERFORD or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the County Court of Augusta at such time as she shall be thereunto required by the said Court and the same goods chattles and credits & all other the goods chattles & credits of the sd deced at the time of her death which at any time after shall come to the ahnds or possession of the said ELIZABETH RUTHERFORD or into the hands & possession of any other person or persons for her do well and truly administer according to law & further do make a just and true account of her actings & doings therein when there to required by the said Court & all the rest and residue of the said goods chattles & credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administration Acount the same being first examined & allowed by the Justice s of the Court for the time being shall deliver & pay unto such person or persons respectively as the said Justice s by their order or Judgement shall direct pursuant to the laws in that case made and provided and if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and Testament was made by the sd deced and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court makeing request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Elizabeth Rutherford being thereunto required do render and deliver up her letters of Administration Approbation of such Testament being first had and made in the said Court then this oblugation to be void & of none effect order to remain in full force & virtue.

Deald & Delivered in
the presence of

ELIZABETH I RUTHERFORD (LS)

JOHN MADISON, junr.

Jacob Woodle (LS).

At a Court held for AUGUSTA COUNTY , March the 20th ,1770, Elizabeth Rutherford, with JACOB WOODLEY and John Phillips her securities acknowledged this their Bond which is ordered to be re corded.

RECORDED in AUGUSTA COUNTY,
CLERK'S OFFICE , STAUNTON, VA.
in Will Book 4, page 285.

The above copy, was copied for Mrs George N. Picras. by the COUNTY CLERK. J.M. BLACKBURN. 1956.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY RECORDS. by CROZIER.
from (DEED BOOK A.) 1722- 1729.)

page 110 ....
Feby 1, 1729-30. Richard Cheek of St. Geo. Par. Spts Co., to JOHN MILLER of St. Mary's Par., Caroline Co. 4000 weight of tobacco , 70 a. of land in St. Geo. Par., Spts. Co. - part of a Pat. granted John Quarles Septr. 3, 1723. Witnesses:
JOHN MILLER, JOHN PARKS,
JOS. ~~XXXXXXXXX~~. RETTERFORD.
Rec. Feby. 3, 1729-30. Jane Cheek acknowledged her right of dower in the sd. land by Wm. Bartlett, her attorney, etc.

"WILLS of RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY ,VIRGINIA. " by SWEENEY.

RUDERFORD, ROBERT- page 39 ; dtd. 10 March 1676- pr.3 May 1676.
PAGE, Thomas -"WILL." Witnesses ; Wm. Fogge, Robert his X mark RUDERFORD

REF: VA. COLONIAL ABSTRACTS: by Fleet. VOL. 9,
ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Etd. & etc. bounded by the lines of ROTTERFORD ---71. and land
of JOHN MILLER
" ____ THORP
" ____ Kirk.

ROBERT PARKER. RECORDED, 19, June 1716.

ESSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA, by Fleet.

RUDDERFORD, JNO. (x) 7 witness to deed of Richard Ripley Arpil 10, 1703.

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ref; INDEX to MARRIAGES of OLD RAPPA & ESSEX CO. VA.

1729- RETTERFORD, JOHN Jr. married VIOLETTA, dau. of JAMES REYNOLDS. (see) Book Q - 7, page 219.

ref; Book W. 6 - page 426

1742 - RUTHERFORD, MARGARET, dau. of JOHN married WILLIAM WORTHAM.

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REF: A History of Louisa Co. Va., Trinity Parish.

Tithes for the Year, 1777 (2)

GEORGE RUTHERFORD. 1.

page 27 - Judge John Rutherford, Circuit Court- on Bench to hear trial of a murder in 1902.

REF: VIRGINIA MILITIA in the Rev. page 287

RETHERFORD, WILLIAM (died Nov. 16, 1833-------85.

REF:- Va. Historical Register Vols. 18- Vol. 25.

Wills in Frederick Co. Va.
1805- Benj. Rutherford.

Ref. VOL. 25. Va. Hist. Reg. page 176. Extracts from King William Co. Records,
1706 - Chilson White & wife of Gloucester to Geo. JONSON, gent. etc. / witness ADAM RUTHERFORD, etc. et.als.
page 414-415.

REF: - Va. Hist. Reg. Vol. 36 pg. 144.
To ADAM RUTHERFORD, 1800 acres in HANOVER COUNTY on Falling Creek etc. with Patented land he already holds.

Ref; Va. Hist. Mag. Vol. 37 page 122.

ADAM RUTHERFORD, 1500 acres - on both sides of falling Creek in Hanover County--- etc...

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REF: D.A.R. Alabama.

LIGHTFOOT, Wm. pg. 6

RUTHERFORD, ROBERT, 11- 42-43. , (3) - 68; (2) - 69 (6)70.
" Griffith 21- 22 - 68 .

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REF: Va. Historical Index.
Benjamin Rutherford, 1 W (1) pg. 200.
(Vol. 1 William & Marys, 1st Series. page 200.)
" Certified copy of lease, dated 1767 from Lord Fairfax to BENJAMIN RUTHERFORD, 529 acres in HAMPSHIRE CO. VA.

((Note; Hampshire Co. Va. is now West Va.,)

page 175-176-177;
JOHN RUTHERFORD, was FIRST CAPTAIN of Richmond Fayette Artillery and became Colonel of the Regt. in 1840 Lt. Gov. of Va. (Had a son John , Lawyer in Richmond, Va.)

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REF: - Book in Library, Houston Texas. SEE:
PASSPORTS ISSUED by GOV'S of GEORGIA
1785 to 1820 , copied by John B. Wilson.

page 86- WASHINGTON COUNTY, GA. FEB. 11, 1807- Nathan Joiner reccomended by DANIEL FRAZER. etc.

" 95- John Carson, Esq., April 13, 1808 reccomended by XXXXX B. RUTHERFORD, etc.

page 206. Alexander Frazer & Family; of Washington Co. Ga. Nov. 2, 1809.

" 7. JOHN RUTHERFORD, of Washington Co. Ga., as member who reccomended - 1803, Mar. 7.

page 95- RUTHERFORD, R (B) _____

REF:: "Some TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS from OKLAHOMA- ARKANSAS- LOUISIANNA and MISSISSIPPI." by Inez Boswell & Tex Biggerstaff.

" CANE HILL, Arkansas Cemetery.
"Aunt MARIA, wife of JOSEPH RUTHERFORD, died April 12, 1885. age 85 years, 1 month and 25 days.

" BUCHANAN & YATES CEMETERY LOT PRARIE GROVE ,ARK. is the "CANE HILL on Hwy 45.""

SUMTER CO. ALA. by Pauline Jones Gandrud.

Robert M. Rutherford, married Winnie P. Morgan , 28 June 1845.
Sol. 30th June, by; David Hitl (Hill) J.P.

MADISON COUNTY, ALA. 1818-1820

William O. Rutherford, married Elizabeth Isbell- May 19, 1819
John McLeak, on bond.

LAWRENCE CO. ALABAMA.
pag. GRIFFIN RUTHERFORD, married Elizabeth Dobbins, Dec.24,1823.
33.
page 34... JOHN RUTHERFORD, of Hickman County Tenn. friend to Joseph M. SEMMES. (1819/1820)

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GEN. RECORDS FROM NORTH CAROLINA, TENN, and VIRGINIA. by Kath. REYNOLDS.

BOOK B. page 96. Dec. 21. 1776
Reubin Petty of Chatham Co., to Jno. Petty of Chatham Co. etc.
Testes. ROBERT RUTHERFORD: JOHN RUTHERFORD: Annser Stewart,etc.

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REF: "INDEX - FOSTER of NORTH CAROLINA SOLDIERS."

Henry Rutherford, page 215- accts Old Series. Vol. V- L bk.
1 H 175 to 180.

279- HENRY RUTHERFORD, SALISBURY DIST.
List of Member of Capt. Wm. Williams Co. 7th Orange Militia.
James Rutherford & John Rutherford;
Henry Wood Thos. Baker.

page 478- MAJOR JNO. RUTHERFORD, Killed Eutaw Springs, Sept.8,1781.
Major John " Roster Book Vol. II AA
Comptrollers Office Certifies 1780-82.
John Rutherford, page 425, HALIFAX DIST.

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REF: MARRIAGE LICENSE OF NORTH CAROLINA & SOUTH CAROLINA.

RUTHERFORD, ANN D. & ANDREA BOULWARE, 16 July 1835. Edgefield Dist. South Carolina.

RUTHERFORD, JOSEPH & MICHAEL GRIFFITH, 5 June 1808- Edgefield Dist.S.C.

RUTHERFORD , JOSEPH G. & THA HARDY. 15 Dec. 1831- Edgefield Dist.S.C.

RUTHERFORD, MARY & John Coleman, 12 Jan. 1830 Edgefield S.C.

RUTHERFORD, THOMAS & MARGARET LEMMON, 27 Feb. 1832, Mecklenburg ,N.C.

RUTHERFORD, DOROTHY ANN, married Geo. D. Harriett, 19 Feb. 1839 Edgefield S.C.

RUTHERFORD, JAMES married MARTHA FOY, 15 Dec. 1835, Edgefield SC.

REF: BIOG. ANNALS of LANCASTER COUNTY, PA.,
page 554-
JOHN D. RUTHERFORD, of CONOY TOWNSHIP, LANCASTER CO. PA.
born Adams Co. Pa. July 11, 1834 and is a son of WILLIAM & LEAH (
(Decker) Rutherford.
The parents came into Lancaster Co. in 1840 to Bainbridge.

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD, the paternal grand father of John D. came from England and wed a GERMAN WOMAN in ADAMS COUNTY.
John D. & Rachel A. Shelly , were married Nov. 13, 1859 in Columbia by Rev. Mr. Menges. etc.

page 1196. ALBERT COLLIER RUTHERFORD, born Swatara ,Dauphin Co. Pa. a son of SAMUEL S. & MARY A. RUTHERFORD., born Paxtang Church-Presbyterian.
The paternal grandparents of ALBERT COLLIER RUTHERFORD were THOMAS & MARY(Schulty) Rutheford.
Thomas was a son of Lt. Samuel in Rev. War and SUSANNAH(COLLIER).
Grandson of Thomas and JANE(MURDAH) emigrants from Ireland.

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Rutherford Family

Copy of letter — Berkeley Springs, West Va.
Dear Mrs. Picras: — July 20th, 1956

I am sending you a report on my day's work in Martinsburg; it, by no means, is complete on the RUTHERFORD'S, but you will find I have taken nothing for granted and have made out a short outline which I hope I can add to from Frederick County, Va. records for any record to be found prior to 1772, when Berkeley County was formed, from Frederick, would be in the courthouse at Winchester, Va.

There were no records of BENJAMIN RUTHERFORD in Berkeley County; he was of HAMPSHIRE CO., WEST VA. There were a number of deeds under ROBERT & THOMAS but found ~~no~~ only one under JAMES which is on the list enclosed. None of the deeds I looked over had any family information so did not take the time to copy. I hope to get to Winchester in the near future and will continue the search there.

Jefferson County, West Va. was taken from Berkeley in 1801 so I imagine some Rutherford records would be found there, butfor me to get there is a transportation question.

I hope I am sending you something in the way of helpful information.

Sincerely Katherine M. Hunter

RUTHERFORD MARRIAGES TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS AT MARTINSBURG, BERKELEY CO., WEST VA.,

REF.	PAGE	NAMES OF PARTIES	DATE OF MARRIAGE	BY WHOM
Bk. 7?	79	Rutherford, Van...Sarah Marke	1-11-1798	Moses Hoge, Min.
Bk. 1	135	" Mary...Jacob H. Manning	9-25-1798	Bond
" 2	136	" Archibald-Mary Ann C. Tabler	7-20-1801	
" CH	7	" Thomas...Mary Dark	11-30-1792	Christian Streit
" CH	18	" Eleanor...James Brown	2-5- 1799	
" 3	39	" Thomas....Elizabeth Pultz	12-25-1806	
" LB		" George....Peggy Cline	11-15-1810	
CH	59	" Henry.....Ruth VanMetre	5-10-1827	
CH	59	" Catherine..Jowhn Sperow	7-10-1827	
LB		" James.....Ann E. Stillwell	1-4-1838	
Ch.	73	" John W.....Sarah Shaffer	2-22-1842	

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REF.....DEEDS listed under the name of THOMAS RUTHERFORD

1772.....	Thomas Rutherford	John Hite	Book 1.	page 156
1778.....	" "	Robt. Rutherford	" 5,	" 92
1778.....	" "	Charles Gates		
1778.....	" "	Alex White, Jr.	" 8,	" 298
1779.....	" "	Alex. White, Jr.	" 9,	" 87

(89) had been typed over. ~~6~~ by researcher.)

#6	Thomas Rutherford, Jr.	Thomas Rutherford, Jr.	II pg. 498 (408)	
	Thomas Rutherford, Jr....Jos. Swearingen			
1799	Thomas Rutherford	GEORGE WASHINGTON, Pres. U.S.	15, 3.	
*1789	JAMES RUTHERFORD	William Brice	9	17
	(of Berkeley Co., Va. a lot in Shapherdstown, no wife's name given.,)			
1773	Robert Rutherford,	Proeson Bowdoin	2	page 287
	DEED BOOK 9, page 344			

This indenture made March 6th, 1790. Between: Josiah Swearingen, Hezekiah Swearingen and William Bennett and Luranna? his wife, and Thomas Rutherford on the part of DRUSCILLA RUTHERFORD, his wife, for land in Fayette Cpunty KENTUCKY and also Berkeley Co., Va.

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FLORENCE A. RUTHERFORD
332 SOUTH MANHATTAN PLACE
LOS ANGELES 5, CALIF.

March 9,1956

Mr. M. Drexel Rutherford
Warrenville Road
Wheaton, Ill.

Dear Mr. Rutherford

Your letter of March 5th received, and I am enclosing Chart, and will appreciate if you will fill in your Rutherford line, and allied families, as it will be a help when I visit the L.A. Library while doing research on my line.

I am also enclosing something which I think will help clear up the lines of Walker and Johnson, and perhaps the Will of Gen. Griffith and the D. A. R. record of Mrs. Edmonds will give us both our lines, and it should be easy for you to get access to both. Also might help clear up who the Gen. was reared by, as in Robert Woods Will recorded in Salisbury, N.S. made in 1763, the Gen is reimbursed .

The Rutherford, Walker, and Houston lines connect, but there seems to be a generation or two missing in both or our lines. There are Houston, Pittmans, Carter and Rutherford in my lines, as my great uncle James William Rutherford married Susan Pittman, whose mother was Mary, dau of Joph. George Houston a Rev. Sol. from Rockingham Co. Va, also sol in war of 1812, and she was first cousin of Gen. Sam Houston. And in the early records of Rockingham we find many Rutherfords, Woods and also the name of Michael Johns.

We have quite a lot of deeds on Griffith Rutherford line, as I corresponded [illegible] descendants, Judge [illegible] His direct descendant was a grandson of Griffith Rutherford, evidently brother of Griffith [illegible]

Copy

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FLORENCE A. RUTHERFORD
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LOS ANGELES 5, CALIF.

You state your grandfather was a surveyor - A Robert Rutherford served as chain carrier in survey of lands in Shenandoah for Edward Musgrove Aug. 16 1750, and Robert and Thomas were also surveyors.

I will send you a copy [illegible] later date for your files in case you [illegible] line in your research and will also send you [illegible] on the Griffith Rutherford line, which we have collected, if you so desire.

Hoping we both may be successful in establishing our direct lines - and Tennessee seems to be where the family more or less drifted. Tho they surely scattered all over. There was a James Rutherford whose land was confiscated and he was banished as his branch were loyalist. Thomas may have been also, as we do not know anything of him after 1774 when he refused to accept a commission in the Am. Army. Evidently Col. James Wood his - brotherinlaw didn't like this, and he may have left Winchester, Va. around this time, as we haven't any record of him later on.

Sincerely yours,

Florence A. Rutherford

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Rutherford family

Mr. M. Drexel Rutherford
"The Wood House" -
Warrenville Road.
Wheaton, Ill

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

After many strenuous weeks, due to sickness in family and the severe weather we have been having in "Sunny California", has kept us from working on the Rutherford genealogy -

Please pardon the long delay and do not give up hope. Today in my files I found a note - quote "Robert and Mary Rutherford's son Archibald, b. Jan. 16 - Baptized June 5 1774", but no reference as to where I got data - probably copied from Virginia records - Comparing your data on John Adams Rutherford, b. Jan. 31 1799 and his father Archibald - he could be the same Archibald you refer to in your line. making Archibald 24 yrs. old when son John Adams R. was born.

I have found several other Archibald Rutherfords names among my records, but if you can give me more on your line, for instance - Was John Adams their only son? If more, please give names, you mention an only dau. Amanda - As yet - I can not say definately if the above Robt. and Mary Rutherford are parents of your Archibald - probably you are like we are, have no more information only what has been given.)

my sister Camilla Bardshar has copied some data for you, I too have enclosed extra, for you to have for future reference - and as soon as she is able, we want to visit the Genealogical Dept. in Los Angeles Library for no doubt we can find data we are seeking on our ancestors.

Any information will be greatly appreciated, however small and will be glad to reciprocate if possible.

With sincere regards, I am

Very truly yours -

Florence A. Rutherford

NOTES -

5- William Rutherford b. - d. 1773 - From Scotland to Pa. 1753,
married
Ursula Parrish (Humphrey[6])

4- Archibald Hamilton Rutherford (b. Goochland Co. Va
died in Smith Co. Tenn.
married
Mary Parrish (1774-1854)

3- Archibald Hamilton Rutherford II (b. 1811 - d 1889),
Civil service C.S.A. (1861-64) held various
State offices in Ark..
married
1840
Mary Amelia Lewis (b. - d. 854.)

2- Charles Lewis Rutherford (b. 1852 - 1914) former
lawyer, newspaper man etc.
married
1885
Margaret Ellen Day

Their children: Mary Day m. Emmett E. Wall;
Archibald Hamilton III m. Nina Prescott;
Margaret Josepline m. 1919 William James Cook.

Ref. D.A.R.
p. 46

P.S. I have data on the Rutherford, Houston & Walker families. from Scotland to Pa, then to Rockbridge Co. Virginia - you may be of this line.
(F.A.R.)

RUTHERFORD NOTES

1st Deed Book [illegible] County, [illegible]

Dec. 16 1811 - pg 40 John Farris conveyed 130 acres by Henry Rutherford, and located on Rock Creek.

Henry Rutherford - Adm. of John Crawford's estate 1813, Williams Co., Tenn. - Leeper's Lick Creek

William Rutherford 1820

George F. Rutherford - Councilman 1st Ward 1859
Thomas Rutherford - Justice of Peace 1772 Virginia

Robert Rutherford - Rockingham Co., Va. Page 102
son Elliott - in Capt Robt Harrisons Co., #5

Elliott Rutherford Capt Richard Ragans Co. #13
1 tithable; 1 slave; 7 horses married Rachel McCulley 1807

Joseph Rutherford 1 tithable;
Joseph 1 tithable, son Thos 1 slave 2 horses pg 112.

Benjamin Rutherford - Will 1803 - Winchester, Virginia
wife Elizabeth married Nov. 13, 1744

chil: Mary b. 11-16-1747
Eliz. July 25, 1750 married Samuel Glass , dau of Benj
Robert May 22,1752
Hannah 11-26,1754
James 4-26-1757 Most of this family went to
Benj. 10-9-1759 Tennessee and Kentucky
Ann Oct 7-1761
John 3-12-1764
Thos July 12 1766
Susannah 4 -10-1768
William Oct 4,1771

Archibald Rutherford - Rockingham Supplement pg 112
Capt Richard Ragan's Co. #13 1tithbale - 5 horses

Rockingham Co. Wayland History 1780 Pg 11
Robert Rutherford 130 acres - Militia Dist

Elliott Rutherford married Ruth Wilkins 6-17-1787

John Rutherford married Mary Susan Carter 1-21-1816 my line

1731- Mary Rutherford married Col. James Wood Mary, was dau. of Hugh Rutherfo
Deborah Rutherford, dau of Robert married George Hite

Robert Rutherford 1756 Appt. Clerk of the Court Martial County
Militia Officers and men of Frederick, Co., Va.

Robert Rutherford ordered by appt Clerk of the Court Martial and took the Oath prescribed by law.

RUTHERFORD NOTES CONTINUED

Pg 20 Rockingham Co. Wayland History

John Rutherford, brotherinlaw of James Wood.

James Wood promised to give his brotherinlaw on his request, to give him without any expense, 300 acres of land in some one of my tracts on the branches of the New River on Holson's on condition he goes to live thereon Oct 11,1752

Robert Rutherford 1758 Act passed by Gen. Assembly regarding lots trustee

Mary Wood 2nd dau of Col. James Wood, married Nathan Harrison

Member to search if Col. Washingtons entres are made agreeable to his letter to Mr. T. Rutherford.

To make entree for Mr. Robert Rutherford of 100 acres on the fork below the Mouth of Great Kanawha.

Do. in the names of Robert and Thomas Rutherford 4.000 acres between Sandy Creek and Scots River being the lands surveyed June 1773 by John Wood, Robert Wood, Los. Lewis, Almon Butler - on which to build cabins.

To write Co. Preston in the name of Thos Rutherford - See Col. Washington's letter.

John Rutherford, Lieut Gov of Virginia 1841 444 Monongahela and Randolph Co., 442 pg.

Shenandoah Valley History -g 318 Jefferson County

The first sheriff, appt in 1743 at the first session of the 1st Court ever held in the Valley of Virginia, or West of the Blue Ridge mountains, in that matter was Thomas Rutherford, father of Robert who represented this dist, in Congress several terms and a resident of what is now Jefferson County.

1729 - "Old Packhorse Ford" about a mile below Shepherdstown
Only crossing of the Potomac River, for many miles East and West.

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Dec. 9 1801 Jefferson C. records state that a Mr Rutherford appeared before the justice and had placed on record the fact of his having manumitted three of his slaves, Menta, Joseph, and Adam. The first case of Maunmission in the Country. Notable for the reason that it was long before any anti slavery agitation occured.

OLD ROBIN whose heart is said to have been far out of proportion with his small frame.

Robert, son of Thos, first sheriff of Fred. Co., Va.
Mary, dau. of High Thomas or Thomas Hugh Rutherford
Benjamin, son of Thomas Hugh Rutherford

Robert and Hugh were the sons of Hugh Thomas and wife Sarah de Montargis.

The presistent repitition in America of the family names of Thos; Robert; John; Susan; Mary; Elizabeth; Eleanor; Sarah; indicates that the Virginia families are descended from Teviotsdale and Fairningon - Rutherford families of Scotland.

Typical of the Scots who came to Virginia as agents of British Firms and remained to become successful merchants is Thomas Rutherford 1766-1752 - To his business asa a merchant and importer Rutherford soon added other enterprises. He operated flour and cotton mills speculated in tobacco and especially he bought and developed real estate. His holdings extended beyond the town of Richmond, Va. into the Virginia countryside and into Kentucky and Ohio.

The Rutherfords were among those who shared in the Minor Grants

Thos Rutherford - Qualified as High Sheriff in Fred. Co., 11-11-1723 and June court 1744 he rec'd for extra services 1248 lbs tobacco.

Benjamin and Robert Rutherford were appointed deputy sheriffs at January court 1744.

Robert appt. to Gen. Assembly to settle accts of the troop furing the Colonial wars.

Trustee of the town Shepherdstown and Winchester 1758
1776 Robert and Thoms Rutherford and Alex White Trustees for Bath, now Berkley Springs.

Robert Rutherford, married 1753 Mary (D'Aubein) Howe
died 1805

Will bk A. Rochingham Co., 1811 (?)
Robert Rutherford - my wife Martha - Town lots - alley
Proved March 1811 by oaths of Geo Huston; Dan Smith; John Hall;
Appraisers - Gep Sites; Jos. Thornton; Henry Tutiviler; Jacob Rohr;
Probably lived in Harrionsburg, a mere fragment of Will remains.

North Carolina Henry Rutherford made oath 1782 - 1807

Berkley Co.
Thomas Rutherford; Robert Rutherford jr; Benjamin Rutherford and Benjamin jr., James; Witness to Thos Sweningens Will 1780 -3-81- pg 188 David Fye in N. Y. Ex. of Jos Throckmoton Bk. 1
Drucilla Swearengin wife of Thos. Rutherford.

Thos Rutherford Sr. and jr. Will 1795 Bk. 2

Thos Rutherford pg 378 Prof 7-23-1796 wife Mary
Dau. Sarah. Thos and Van Wit. Geo Hite; Da Tiffin

See McGraly's History p 530. Battle of Ramsours Mill. General Griffith Rutherford, and Maj. James Rutherford, mentioned.

Brig. Gen. Griffith Rutherford of N. C. militia 1771 was wounded and taken prisoner at Camden Aug. 16, 1780, exchanged July 1781, died Dec. 1804.

James Rutherford - his property confiscated 1777 (possibly brother of our ancestor)

From Heitmans Register:
John Rutherford (N. C.) Maj. N. C. Militia, killed at Kutaw Springs, September 8, 1781.

John Rutherford (Pa) Captain Penn, Militia 177 - died 1804. Probably son of Thomas Hugh Rutherford and Sarah or Susan De Montague of Pa.

Robert Rutherford (N. C.) Col. N. C. Militia 1775-1783 died 1814 Newberry, S.C.

Samuel Rutherford (Pa) Ensign Penn - Battalion, Flying Camp, July 1776, taken prisoner at Fort Washington Nov. 16, 1776. exchanged Nov. 4, 1780
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James Rutherford of New York at the Peace with his family went from New York to Shelburne Nova Scotia where the crown granted him one town lot. (probably brother of our ancestor Thomas Rutherford, one of the sons of Sir John.

The Robert Rutherford, Congressman from Virginia, member of the House of Burgesses, was the son of Thomas Hugh Rutherford and Sarah De Montague. He was born ~~born~~ in Scotland in 1738 and educated at the Royal College of Edinburg. He and his brother Thomas settled in Burke Co. Penn, then moved to the Valley of Virginia. And it is known that one or two of the brothers went further south.

Mrs. Hanna Seggins White is a genealogist and a descendant of Rutherfords, mentions the fact that Rutherfords, McPheelers, Stuarts, Todds, Abernathy's and Bates came to South Carolina from Virginia settlement. They settled in Augusta County, Virginia - Rockbridge.

The Thomas Hugh Rutherford mentioned above was an uncle of our ancestor Thomas Rutherford of New Jersey, Pa. and N.C. He was a brother of Samuel Rutherford, who wrote Lex Rex, being also an uncle of Gen. Griffith Rutherford.

The children of James Rutherford

Mary Rutherford Perry
Elizabeth Rutherford [illegible]
Robert Rutherford
[illegible]

SAMUEL RUTHERFORD - Famous essay on "the law and the King"

Lex Rex, and the letters of Samuel prepared and published by the Moody Press - 480 pages, cloth binding, price $3.50.

Samuel Rutherford m twice

John Rutherford m. Miss Griffith exile from Wales

Griffith came to America "drowned on voyage over and their son

Griffith - about 8, was reared by - perhaps Michael Johns, or

a Mr. Woods, as he is mentioned in Robt. Woods - will - The family

first landed in New York ? then Pennsylvania and before 1776

many went to Rowan County N. C. then into Tennessee.

Griffith Rutherford married Mary Graham - Will filed or recorded in Transcript of Wills #10 Sumner Co. Tenn. dated July 14, 1792 in Rowan County, N. C. He is buried in Summer Co. Tenn. d. 1800

D.A.R records shows Mrs. Sophie Rutherford Harsh Edmonds, wife of Cyrus Walker dau of Nathan Harsh and Mary Jane Rutherford, grand daughter of Griffith Rutherford and Elizabeth Johnson his wife, and great grand daughter of Gen Griffith Rutherford and Mary Graham his wife. National Number 4084 also 3048

Gen. James Graham - brother of Mary Graham Rutherford, is buried in Charlotte, N. C. also Gen. Joseph Graham, and their mother.

Our Clan Song

"March, March Ettrick and Teviotsdale!
Why my lad's dirna ye March forward in order?

March, March Eskdale and Liddlesdale,
All the blue bonnets come over the Border

Mount and make ready the,
Sons of each mountain glen

Fight for your names
And the old Scottish border."

Compiled by Camille Rutherford Beckler

P.S. My great uncle James W. Rutherford, married Susan Patterson [illegible] son b. 7-30-1847 [illegible] married another son Arthur Houston So the name Archibald [illegible] 1747 [illegible] Clan Tartan.

CHART NO.

CONTINUATION OF CHART NO.

b—born
m—married
d—died
r—resided

PATERNAL

4 William Miller Rutherford
b Dec. 24, 1822
m
d
r
Mary Frances Fraser

2 Mr. Edmund Haines Rutherford
b June 29, 1871 - Ala. Monroe Co. Ala.
m Dec 3rd 1902 -
d Dec - 31, 1925, Ala.

Mobile & r Bham Ala -

5 Georgianna Moncrief
b Jan 23, 1824 -
d Dec. 16, 1886

MATERNAL

6 John J. Mouchette
b 1853
m ~~1904~~ 1872/or 1871 - Ala.
d 1909 June 12 -
r Pickens Co. Ala.
Mary Elizabeth Horton
B Jan 2, 1853. d - May 22, 1896 -

8 Martha Rebecca Mouchette (Mouchet)
b Nov 14, 1875.
d

"Miles" H. Horton
aft 1808 N.C. -

7 Julia Ruffin Faison (Fason)
B 1829 N.C. -
d

d - Pickens Co. Ala.

N. Feb. 18-1857

ANCESTORS OF

1 Sadie Rutherford - Picras
b Sept 5, 1904
r Mobile, Ala. (Bham Ala.)
1st John Milton Cloninger;
m 7/1/32 2nd George N. Picras

8 Robert - Rutherford
b - 1775
m Sept. 18, 1817
d 1833 -
r Monroe Co. Ala.

9 Mary Miller
b 1795 - S.C.
d 1869 - Ala.

10
b
m
d
r

11
b
d

12 Henry Mouchet
b
m
d
r

13
b
d

14
b
m
d
r

15 Benjamin Faison
b N.C 1797
d
N. Feb. 18-1814 N.C. -
Pickens Co.
Susan Mosley
N.C -

16
b m
d r

17
b d

18 Wm. Miller (Soldier)
b m July 6, 1786
d Aug 6, 1832 r Anderson S.C.

19 Margaret Beauwright - Johnston (Wife)
b 1757 d Aug 2 - 1842

20
b m
d r

21
b d

22
b m
d r

23
b d

24 Jonas J. Mouchet.
b m
d r

25 Susanna Cook
b d

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